



Exclusions Policy

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Rationale from our Behaviour Policy

Good pupil behaviour is essential for effective teaching and learning.

An effective framework for promoting good pupil behaviour enhances the self-esteem of everyone in school.

Providing a safe and happy place to learn is essential to school improvement, raising achievement and attendance, promoting equality and diversity, and ensuring the safety and well-being of all members of our school community.

If all the measures outlined in the Behaviour Policy have been unsuccessful exclusion may be deemed necessary.

Decisions to exclude pupils from school are made by the Headteacher or a designated member of senior staff.

There are two types of exclusion:

Fixed term exclusions

In the event of a fixed term exclusion parents/carers will be contacted immediately and informed of the decision and the circumstances in which it has occurred. They will receive a letter giving details of the exclusion, the reason for the exclusion, when the pupil may return to school and how parents can appeal against the exclusion.

The law states that a pupil can be excluded for a maximum of 45 school days in any year.

Permanent exclusion

This is sometimes referred to as expulsion. Pupils who are permanently excluded may not return to school unless the governing body or independent appeal panel decides to reinstate them.

Appeals

Parents can appeal against their child's exclusion in the following ways:

For a permanent or fixed term exclusion of more than 5 days in one term there will be a meeting of the Appeals committee. Every school has such a committee made up of school governors who meet to consider the exclusion. They will take into account the views of the parents and the Headteacher. Parents can write to have their views considered as well as being able to attend a meeting. Notice of at least seven days will be given.

The Local Authority cannot confirm exclusion or tell the school to re-instate a pupil. The school governors make the final decision.

The Education Access Team can offer advice on procedures and parent/carer rights.