

Statement on Exclusion

This statement has been developed in addition to our Behaviour Policy which also incorporates our Anti-bullying and Exclusion Policies.

Exclusion is used as a last resort, if other sanctions have not been effective.

Only the Headteacher has the authority to exclude a child. In her absence, authority is delegated to a **team** decision by members of the Senior Leadership Team

A decision to exclude will be taken only in response to serious breaches of the school's behaviour policy, and if allowing the pupil to remain on site would harm the education or welfare of the person to be excluded or others.

Situations leading to fixed term exclusions include: physical and verbal aggression towards pupils and/or staff and/or repeated defiance of school expectations. This is not an inclusive list and situations will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Lunchtime exclusions will count as $\frac{1}{2}$ a school day.

Periods of internal exclusion will also be used as part of the school behaviour policy. Internal exclusion will be used following periods of disruptive behaviour in class. It may also be used as an alternative to external exclusion if it is deemed to be the more effective sanction.

The decision to **permanently** exclude a child may be made either for 'one-off' offences such as:

- Serious actual or threatened violence against another pupil or a member of staff,
- Sexual abuse or assault,
- Supplying an illegal drug,
- Carrying an offensive weapon, or
- When a series of fixed term exclusions have not remedied the situation.

All incidents requiring exclusion will be investigated, parents will be contacted and the situation discussed before a letter is sent home. Work will be provided for the child wherever possible on the first day of exclusion, but always for subsequent days.

Model letters adopted by Portico from Local Authority (LA) guidance will be used and copies sent to Portico and the Local Authority including copies of the Exclusion paperwork.

A pupil will not be excluded (fixed term) for more than 45 days in one academic year.

Following a period of fixed term exclusion, a reintegration meeting will be arranged with the parents, to discuss how it would be best to proceed with the child/children's reintegration, e.g. by instigating a parenting contract. Whilst this meeting would ideally be held on the school site, the school reserve the right to arrange the meeting for another location if it is deemed to be more appropriate. This statement will be reviewed in the light of new guidance being issued from Portico, the LA or DfE.