



Exclusion Policy Statement

The Governors' Exclusion Policy complies with Circular 10/99, new guidelines and Devon LA guidelines.

Three types of exclusions can be issued by the Headteacher on behalf of the Governors':

- 1) **Internal exclusion** – this is used if the pupil is judged to be temporarily non co-operative, has disregard for school rules or has damaged school property. Any sanctions issued will be recorded in the Internal Exclusions Record
- 2) **Fixed Term exclusion** – this type of exclusion will be used if the pupil is judged to be in serious breach of the school's behaviour code, his/her presence is likely to pose dangers to him/herself, other people or property, or he/she disrupts the smooth running of the school, thus impeding the education of other pupils

Parents' will be informed formally by a standard letter (annex A). The Chair of the Governing Body and the Chair of the Pupil Discipline committee are informed and the exclusion recorded in the External Exclusions Record, in the pupil's file and on SIMS.

Parents/guardians will be asked to accompany the pupil to school after the exclusion period expires. The Headteacher will see the parents/guardians and pupil to satisfy herself that the pupil intends to change his/her previous behaviour pattern and that parents/guardians support this change.

- 3) **Permanent Exclusion** – before issuing a permanent exclusion, discussions will take place involving the LA and Educational Psychologist and alternative strategies considered; this could involve changing the pupil's statement

In exceptional circumstances, a permanent exclusion will be issued for a one off or first offence. Permanent exclusion may also be issued if a pupil has repeatedly committed severe breaches of the school's behaviour guidelines endangering him/herself, others or the school's building fabric. Usually a Fixed Term Exclusion and many other strategies will have been employed in order to avoid permanent exclusion. Parents/guardians are informed by letter with copies to the Chair of Governors and the Local Authority

This policy Statement has been approved by the Governing Body

Signed..... Date.....

(Chair of Governors)