



Prince of Wales' Primary School

Exclusion Policy

Summer 2021

Review: Summer 2024



Exclusion policy:

The decision to exclude:

Very serious incidents may result in the pupil being excluded from the school by the head teacher or a senior member of staff who has written permission from the Head teacher.

They may be excluded:

- During the lunch break
- For a fixed period internally or externally
- On a permanent basis

Our school is aware that off-rolling is unlawful. Ofsted defines off-rolling as:

“...the practice of removing a pupil from the school roll without a formal, permanent exclusion or by encouraging a parent to remove their child from the school roll, when the removal is primarily in the interests of the school rather than in the best interests of the pupil.”

We are committed to following all statutory exclusions procedures to ensure that every child receives an education in a safe and caring environment.

A decision to exclude a pupil will be taken only:

- In response to serious or persistent breaches of the school’s behaviour policy, **and**
- If allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of others

Before deciding whether to exclude a pupil, either permanently or for a fixed period, the headteacher will:

- Consider all the relevant facts and evidence, including whether the incident(s) leading to the exclusion were provoked
- Allow the pupil to give their version of events
- Consider if the pupil has special educational needs (SEN)

Fixed Term: In extreme circumstances the decision may be taken by the Headteacher, after consultation with appropriate staff, to exclude a child from school for a fixed period of time. Governors will be informed, and parents is expected to accompany the child on his or her return to school, and have an interview with the Headteacher or Deputy or appropriate senior member of staff, to establish clear guidance for the future. The child is expected to constructively reflect on their behaviour that led to the exclusion. The child may spend the first day of their return in a different class or room as part of the reintegration process.

Permanent: As a last resort the decision may be taken by the Headteacher, after consultation with appropriate staff, to permanently exclude a pupil. Parents and the Local Authority will be informed of the decision as soon as practicable. A meeting of the Governing Body Exclusion Panel will be held as soon as practicable to discuss the exclusion and to decide if it should be upheld.



Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe

The decision to exclude will only be taken by the Headteacher, or in his absence, a Deputy Headteacher or named responsible person.

The school follows the Government guidelines on exclusion:

- *'Statutory guidance on school exclusions from September 2017'*
As well as taking into account the 2010 'Equality Act ' and the DFE advice for schools May 2014, which is a non-statutory document.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/641418/20170831_Exclusion_Stat_guidance_Web_version.pdf

Guidelines for behaviour which could lead to exclusion from school:

This assumes that we would have first carried out all school procedures as laid out in the Behaviour Policy and that ideally parents would be involved.

- Behaviour which is life threatening. Intentional physical violence towards a child or a member of staff.
- Unprovoked and/or sustained physical violence towards another child.
- Serious actual or threatened violence against another pupil or a member of staff.
- The deliberate use of extreme, abusive language towards a member of staff
- Repeated abusive language towards any one, contrary to the principles of the Single Equalities Statement.
- Sexual abuse or assault.
- Defiant behaviour i.e., repeatedly and deliberately refusing to cooperate,
- Behaving in an unreasonable, violent and disruptive way.
- Repeatedly out of control and behaving in a way that is of physical danger to themselves and/or others.
- Refusing to accept the authority of the staff in school.
- Making false allegations against staff.
- Supplying an illegal substance.
- Carrying an offensive weapon, possession of an illegal substance
- Repeated bullying of any kind
- vandalism

Monitoring:

All exclusions are reported on a termly basis to the Governing body by Mr Bless.

This policy is linked to:

- Behaviour policy
- SEN policy and information report