

Charlton House Independent School



‘Love One Another’

EXCLUSIONS POLICY

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Charlton House Independent School Exclusions Policy

1. Aims

Our school aims to ensure that:

- The exclusions process is applied fairly and consistently
- The exclusions process is understood by governors, staff, parents and pupils
- Pupils in school are safe and happy
- Pupils do not become NEET (not in education, employment or training)

1. Legislation and statutory guidance

This policy is based on statutory guidance from the Department for Education: Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units (PRUs) in England.

It is based on the following legislation, which outline schools' powers to exclude pupils:

- Section 52 of the Education Act 2002, as amended by the Education Act 2011
- The School Discipline (Pupil Exclusions and Reviews) (England) Regulations 2012
- Sections 64-68 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998

In addition, the policy is based on:

- Part 7, chapter 2 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, which looks at parental responsibility for excluded pupils
- Section 579 of the Education Act 1996, which defines 'school day'
- The Education (Provision of Full-Time Education for Excluded Pupils) (England) Regulations 2007, as amended by The Education (Provision of Full-Time Education for Excluded Pupils) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 3.

2. The decision to exclude

Charlton House Independent School Primary School is underpinned by the Christian ethos of 'To love one another', which supports excellent behaviour from the children who attend. Our core 'Caring' and 'achieving' values support everything that we do at school. We are an inclusive school and start from the principle that a permanent exclusion will be taken only as a last resort.

Only the Head Teacher can exclude a pupil from school.

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
- 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 Head Teacher 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)

3. Definition

For the purposes of exclusions, school day is defined as any day on which there is a school session. Therefore, INSET or staff training days do not count as a school day.

4. Procedure

The school has adopted the Exclusions Guidance for Southampton Schools including any updates or amendments made by Southampton City Council from time to time. Parents can find information about Exclusion from school on the Southampton City Council Website:-

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/schools-learning/support/education/exclusion>

5. Monitoring arrangements

The Headteacher monitors the number of exclusions every term and reports back to the governors. They also liaise with the local authority to ensure suitable full-time education for excluded pupils.

This policy will be reviewed by the Whole Governing Body every year.

6. Links with other policies

This exclusions policy is linked to our:

- Positive Behaviour Policy
- SEN Policy and information report
- Equality Policy

This policy will be reviewed every two years.