



## St Mark's C of E Academy Policy

Policy Title	Exclusions	Version No	1
<b>Rationale</b>	Evidence suggests that many students excluded from school never get back into mainstream education, therefore it is only used in extreme situations or when other alternatives have been considered. However, on occasions a child's behaviour may be so unacceptable that it becomes necessary for the Principal to consider excluding the child.		
<b>Policy Statement</b>	<p>Any exclusion should be consistent with the school's discipline policy &amp; behaviour management. Only the Principal can exclude a pupil.</p> <p><b>Reasons for Exclusion</b> Incidents including one or more of the following could justify exclusion: verbally aggressive or threatening language to pupil/staff, actual physical violence to pupils/staff; seriously disruptive behavior which interferes with others' learning; conduct which endangers self/others; illegal activities; significant racial/sexual abuse; extreme harassment or intimidation of students/staff; carrying an offensive weapon.</p> <p><b>Types of Exclusion</b> There are two types of exclusion.</p> <p>1. <b>Fixed Period Exclusion.</b> This is for a predetermined number of days up to a limit of 45 days per school year. The school is responsible for setting work for pupils on exclusions of more than one day. The expectation is that the pupil will return after the exclusion with a parent for a reintegration meeting with pupils and parents.</p> <p>2. <b>Permanent Exclusion.</b> This should only be sanctioned for very serious breaches of a the school discipline policy, &amp; if allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the pupil or others in the school. A pupil does not have the right to return to school if the exclusion is upheld.</p> <p><b>Process for Fixed Period Exclusions</b> This is outlined in DfES document <b>Exclusion from School – Guidance 2008</b> Process for Permanent Exclusions This is outlined in DfES document <b>Exclusion from School – Guidance 2008</b></p>		

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