



1. Background

- 1.1 Exclusions will only be considered in our School as a last resort. They will be considered where children persistently behave in a violent manner likely to harm other children / staff, or exhibit grossly unacceptable behaviour and deliberately ignore school rules. Exclusion in exceptional circumstances will occur where other strategies for managing behaviour as indicated in the School's 'A Whole School Discipline and Behaviour Policy' have been exhausted.
- 1.2 We will always endeavour to use every other avenue, particularly withdrawal of privileges, with daily parental contact in order to address the problem before using a fixed period exclusion.
- 1.3 This school carefully follows the guidelines published by Northamptonshire County Council (LA) to ensure we fulfil statutory requirements. This document should be read in conjunction with the latest version of guidance.

2. Exclusions

- 2.1 Prior to the consideration of exclusion, it is essential that all relevant facts and supporting evidence including statements by witnesses is gathered and dated. It is essential that parents / guardians are made aware of behavioural problems well in advance of any consideration of exclusion.
- 2.2 The Headteacher will write to parents / guardians, the Governors and the LA to inform them of the decision to exclude and the reason for doing so. It is essential that any child that is excluded be given work to do during that period. All staff will also be kept fully informed of any exclusion.
- 2.3 Full guidance is contained in the LA document.

3. Evaluation

This policy is reviewed by the Governing body.

References:

Local Authority website 11.11.15

Exclusion from maintained schools, Academies and pupil referral units in England A guide for those with legal responsibilities in relation to exclusion (September 2012)