Policy: Exclusion Policy – Removal from School

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Mission Statement

At Abbey School our aim is to teach to inspire, motivate and nurture the next generation of creative and critical thinkers. We work in partnership with parents and the community to achieve the highest standards. Our main goal is to encourage our children to be resilient, respectful, responsible independent learners, equipped for lifelong learning. Through stimulating, safe learning environments and excellent opportunities to succeed in and out of the classroom, we encourage children's progress and achievements.

Our Core Values

RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, RESILIENCE

These 3 core values underpin the ethos of Abbey School. Our young pupils are encouraged to understand these values and how they develop, initially, at the micro level around themselves, their friendships, their families and our school. Later, our older pupils begin to understand how these self-same values affect our lives on the macro level, with all this means for their lives as they grow into adults and their environment of Devon, the United Kingdom, and also the planet in which we live.

Rational

Where poor behaviour is evident and for persistent offenders or where the well-being or safety of the child in question, another child, or a member of staff, is at risk by the behaviour of a pupil, the Principal reserves the right to request the removal of the pupil from school. This is done only after all other avenues have been unsuccessfully explored or in exceptional circumstances.

Removal from School - Exclusion

PUPIL

Fixed-Term and Permanent Exclusions

Only the Headteacher has the power to exclude a pupil from school. The Headteacher may exclude a pupil for one or more fixed periods, for up to 30 days in any one academic year. The Headteacher may also exclude a pupil permanently. It is also possible for the Headteacher to convert a fixed-term exclusion into a permanent exclusion, if the circumstances warrant this.

If the Headteacher excludes a pupil, parents will be informed immediately and given reasons for the exclusion.

ADULTS

The school has a strictly no abuse policy, verbal or physical, against any member of staff. Where any parent or other adult in the school community disregards this policy, and is verbally abusive or assaults a member of staff, for the safety of her employees and the children in her care, the Headteacher will exclude any such parent from the premises permanently and reserves the right to request that the parent concerned removes their child from Abbey School.