



Wheldrake with Thorganby CE Primary School

EXCLUSION POLICY

Rationale from our Behaviour Regulation Policy

Good pupil behaviour is essential for effective teaching and learning.

Our school Christian values of faith, hope and love underpin everything we do and are an umbrella of other values. At Wheldrake with Thorganby School we believe that every child is entitled to feel safe and valued at school and that he/she has the right to learn, free from fear or anxiety. The behaviour policy of the school is designed to recognise, promote, encourage and reinforce the positive aspects of the behaviour of our pupils. Our aim is that the children will feel more secure by knowing what is, and is not, acceptable behaviour both at school and in general. We believe that children learn best when this is modelled for them by the adults in school and when consistent messages about the standards we expect are shared.

If all the measures outlined in the Behaviour Regulation Policy have been unsuccessful, exclusion may be deemed necessary. Decisions to exclude pupils from school are made by the Headteacher or a designated member of staff. Detailed guidance from the Department for Education is adhered to (Exclusion from maintained schools, Academies and pupil referral units in England).

There are two types of exclusion:

Fixed term exclusions

In the event of a fixed term exclusion parents/carers will be contacted immediately and informed of the decision and the circumstances in which it has occurred. They will receive a letter giving details of the exclusion, the reason for the exclusion, when the pupil may return to school and how parents can appeal against the exclusion.

The law states that a pupil can be excluded for a maximum of 45 school days in any year.

Permanent exclusion

This is sometimes referred to as expulsion. Pupils who are permanently excluded may not return to school unless the governing body or independent appeal panel decides to reinstate them.

Appeals

Parents can appeal against their child's exclusion in the following ways:

For a permanent or fixed term exclusion of more than 5 days in one term there will be a meeting of the Appeals committee. Every school has such a committee made up of school governors who meet to consider the exclusion. They will take into account the views of the parents and the Headteacher. Parents can write to have their views considered as well as being able to attend a meeting. Notice of at least seven days will be given.

The Local Authority cannot confirm exclusion or tell the school to reinstate a pupil. The school governors make the final decision.

The Education Access Team can offer advice on procedures and parent/carer rights.

Approved by
Meeting Date