



# Exclusion Policy

## Swaffham Prior C of E Primary School



At Swaffham Prior we want all children to learn within a safe, and peaceful community. Through broad and balanced experiences, we inspire wonder, encourage perseverance and individual growth. Our Christian values underpin our peaceful school where we work in partnership with families to nurture the whole child and instil compassion towards others providing a basis for a hopeful future.

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At Swaffham Prior C of E Primary School, fixed term or permanent exclusions will always be the last resort and will be used only in extreme cases of inappropriate behaviour or when all other attempts to engage a child in changing their behaviour have failed. Only the Head teacher may exclude a child. In the event that the Head teacher is offsite, a Senior Leader may contact the Head teacher who can grant permission for an exclusion to be made in their absence.

The Head teacher may exclude a child for one or more fixed periods, for up to 45 days in any one school year. The Head teacher may also exclude a child permanently. It is also possible for the Head teacher to convert fixed term exclusion into a permanent exclusion, if the circumstances warrant this.

If the Head teacher excludes a child, she will inform the parent immediately, giving reasons for the exclusion. At the same time, the Head teacher will make it clear to the parents that they can, if they wish, appeal against the decision to the Local Governing Body. The school will inform the parents of how to make such an appeal. The Head teacher informs DEMAT and the Local Governing Body about any permanent exclusion and about any fixed term exclusions beyond five days in any one term.

The Local Governing Body itself cannot either exclude a child or extend the exclusion period made by the Head teacher. When an appeals panel meets to consider exclusion, they consider the circumstances in which the child was excluded, consider any representation by parents and DEMAT, and consider whether the child should be reinstated. If the governors' appeals panel decides that a child should be reinstated, the Head teacher must comply with this ruling.

A child may be excluded for one or more of the following reasons:

- Physical assault against a pupil

- Physical assault against an adult

- Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil

- Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult

- Cyber/ bullying

- Racist abuse Sexual

- misconduct

- Drug and alcohol related

- Damage

- Theft

- Persistent disruptive behaviour

In cases of exclusion, Swaffham Prior C of E Primary School follows the guidance provided by Cambridgeshire County Council and the Department for Education. Links to the relevant documents are to be found below, for your information.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/education-your-rights-and-responsibilities/behaviour-and-exclusions/>

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## Behaviour and exclusions – Education: your rights and responsibilities – Cambridgeshire County Council

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

Behaviour and exclusions. Good behaviour at school is vital for children to learn well. Children who fail to attend school regularly or who persistently misbehave are more likely to:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion>

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### School exclusion – GOV.UK

[www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

Statutory guidance on the exclusion of pupils from local-authority-maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units.

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