

Exclusion Policy



A decision to exclude a pupil, either for a fixed period or permanently is seen as a last resort by The Bridge London Trust. The school is responsible for communicating to pupils, parents and staff its expectations of behaviour and a range of policies and procedures are in place to promote good behaviour.

Exclusion will only be considered if a pupil is placing themselves or another pupil or member of staff in serious danger and when all other possible strategies have been exhausted.

If the Head of School decides to exclude a pupil she will:

- Ensure that there is sufficient recorded evidence to support the decision
- Explain the decision to the pupil
- Contact the parents, explain the decision and ask that the child be collected
- Send a letter to the parents confirming the reasons for the exclusion, whether it is a permanent or temporary exclusion,
- Confirm the length of the exclusion and any terms or conditions agreed for the pupil's return
- In cases of more than a day's exclusion, ensure that work is provided as appropriate
- Plan how to address the pupil's needs on his/her return
- Plan a meeting with parents and pupil on his/her return

An exclusion should not be enforced if doing so may put the safety of the pupil at risk. In cases where parents will not comply by, for example, refusing to collect the child, the child's welfare is the priority.

All exclusions should follow the most up to date guidance which at present is

Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England: Statutory guidance for those with legal responsibilities in relation to exclusion September 2017

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