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Policy Title	Exclusions	Version No	3.0
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Rationale	<p>Evidence suggests that many students excluded permanently from school have difficulty getting back into mainstream education and therefore it is only used in extreme situations or when other alternatives have been exhausted.</p> <p>On occasions however a child's behaviour may be so unacceptable that it becomes necessary for the Headteacher to consider excluding a student on a permanent basis.</p>
Policy Statement	<p>Any exclusion should be consistent with the school's discipline policy & behaviour management. Only the Headteacher or (Deputy Headteacher acting in the absence of the Headteacher) can exclude a student.</p> <p>Reasons for Exclusion Incidents including one or more of the following could justify exclusion: actual physical violence to students/staff; seriously disruptive behaviour which interferes with others' learning; conduct which endangers self/others; illegal activities; significant racial/sexual abuse; extreme harassment or intimidation of students/staff; carrying an offensive weapon.</p> <p>Types of Exclusion There are two types of exclusion.</p> <p>1. Fixed Period Exclusion. This is for a predetermined number of days up to a limit of 45 days per school year. The school is responsible for setting work for students on exclusions of more than one day. The expectation is that the student will return after the exclusion with a parent for a readmission meeting. <i>The length of a fixed term exclusion will be at the discretion of the Headteacher and each exclusion will be considered on an individual basis.</i> The school will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform parents of their responsibility to ensure that their child is not present in a public place during the first five days of any fixed period exclusion. • Provide full-time education (off site or in a shared provision) from the sixth day of any period of fixed period exclusion of six days or longer. <p>Process for Fixed Period Exclusions This is outlined in BFBC document Exclusion from School – Guidance. Fixed period exclusions which total more than 9 days, must be considered by the full Governors' Discipline Committee consisting of 3 governors within 15 school days. During the period of exclusion the Headteacher should begin to consider the student's reintegration & how future exclusions can be avoided.</p> <p>2. Permanent Exclusion. This should only be sanctioned for very serious breaches of the school discipline policy, & if allowing the student to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the student or others in the school. A student does not have the right to return to school if the exclusion is upheld. The school is responsible for setting work for the student until the Governors' Disciplinary Committee makes its decision concerning the exclusion. In order to avoid permanent</p>

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	<p>exclusions a Pastoral Support Programme (PSP) will be put in place for students who are in danger of being permanently excluded. <i>This does not apply however to students who are permanently excluded for a serious one off offence.</i></p> <p>Process for Permanent Exclusions This is outlined in BFBC document Exclusion from School – Guidance. The full GDC is to consider the exclusion within 15 days of the start of the exclusion and inform parents of their decision.</p>
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Links to other policies	Behaviour for Learning		
Staff responsible	JJM	Monitoring & Evaluation by	SLT, LA, Governors
School Group Responsible	SLT	Governors Committee Responsible	S&SW
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