

**THE SOUTHOVER PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL
EXCLUSION POLICY**

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**** To be read in conjunction with the school's behaviour policy and expectations**

Our pupils have experienced a very fragmented education prior to being placed with The Southover Partnership. Exclusion is a very rare occurrence and will only take place after a dialogue has taken place with all parties involved.

Exclusion will be the most severe sanction of our behaviour policy (see behaviour policy document). We work with our pupils by setting a good example of behaviour and learning and by encouraging good behaviour from them. In order to achieve this we have adopted a 5 stage model that describes unacceptable behaviours and links them directly with consequences. As part of stage 4 and 5 pupils can be excluded internally or be sent home.

Internal exclusion

This will take place if pupils behave in the following ways.

- Hitting and punching on purpose
- Kicking teachers or pupils
- Spitting
- Damaging property
- Dangerous behaviour

The decision to make an internal exclusion will be taken by the pupil's teacher and a member of the management team and the office will be informed. The incident will be recorded in the incident book.

Fixed term exclusion

A fixed term exclusion will happen when the behaviour described above is continual or increases.

A Head of School will always make the decision to exclude a pupil for a fixed term in consultation with the Executive Headteacher. The number of days will not exceed 5. During this time the parent or carer will be invited to a meeting with the pupil and a member of senior management to discuss the incident and explore how the pupil may be readmitted. The pupil will be readmitted after agreeing a contract detailing behaviour expectations for the future.

In all cases of fixed term exclusion the pupil's school, local authority and social worker will be informed, where appropriate.

In cases of extreme violence or damage to property, a permanent exclusion will be considered. This decision must be made by the Executive Head Teacher, in consultation with staff, senior managers and the placing authority.