



# Exclusion Policy

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**Staff Responsible:** Head of School

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## Ripplevale School Exclusions Policy

**‘Ripplevale School will endeavor to use exclusion only as a response to serious breaches of the school’s discipline policy and if allowing the student to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the student or others in the school. It would be viewed as very much a last resort’**

Before excluding a student from Ripplevale School, in most cases, a range of alternative strategies will have been tried. This, however, would not prevent immediate action to protect students and staff if appropriate.

The behaviours for which exclusion **may** be used include:

- actual or potential physical violence by the student towards other students and staff at the school.
- seriously disruptive behaviour such as might prevent the proper conduct of class or classes, seriously interfering with the learning opportunities of others or lead to a breakdown in school discipline;
- conduct which would endanger other students.
- continuing failure to complete lesser school sanctions such as detention.
- Illegal activities on the school site, at a place of authorized work experience or on journeys to or from school (e.g. vandalism or possession, use or supply of illegal drugs). Parents/ carers are advised that the following would be considered as supplying to others;
  - Selling illegal drugs
  - Sharing illegal drugs
  - Passing illegal drugs
- Racial abuse or harassment.
- Harassment, intimidation or verbal abuse of staff or other students.
- Failure to respond to the school’s usual range of sanctions.

### **Types of exclusion**

**Internal exclusion** – The student remains in school but he works independently and is supervised during lessons and breaks by a member of the senior leadership team.

**Fixed term exclusion** – The Head of School may exclude a student for up to 45 days in one year. The exclusion should be regarded as a period during which time reports on the student and meeting with parents/carers and relevant professionals can be arranged with the intention of the student returning to school as soon as possible.

**Permanent exclusion** – This will be used when the Head of School and relevant staff decide the student should not return to school. This sanction is a last resort and will be used when allowing the student to remain at school would be seriously detrimental to the education of the student or to that of others at the school.

For all types of exclusion parents/carers have the right to make representations to the Directors of the school.

The Head of School will inform the Local Authority immediately of a permanent exclusion.