



Exclusion Policy

Excluding a pupil from school is a very serious matter and should only be undertaken when all other appropriate measures have been tried. At Samuel Cody we appreciate that although some of our pupils are secondary age and are often immature emotionally and in their behaviour. Guidance and support are usually more appropriate responses than punitive measures.

Exclusion is only considered for extreme or long standing disruptive behaviour, but more commonly for acts of violence towards persons or property. **The possession of drugs on the school premises will result in permanent exclusion.** Two types of exclusion are available: Fixed Term (up to a maximum of 15 days in any one term) and Permanent. The latter should be rarely, if ever, used and even then only under the most extreme circumstances, i.e., the possession and or intent or attempt to involve other pupils in drugs. Work will be provided for up to five days of exclusion. For pupils excluded for more than 5 consecutive days an alternative provision will be provided. If a pupil is considered to be misplaced or their 'needs' have changed, then the Annual Review procedure is the most appropriate vehicle to effect the replacing of the pupil and a new placement gained in a more suitable setting. Where the L.E.A fail to find an appropriate placement for such a child the school will be forced to permanently exclude.

Hampshire County Council has issued guidance on exclusion procedures, including action required by the Governing Body and, in the event of this course of action being necessary, these procedures will be followed precisely. Failure to follow these procedures could result in an instruction from the LA to reinstate, or a similar order from an independent tribunal. In either of these cases the best interests of neither the pupil nor the school will be served.

Where exclusion has proved necessary, procedures for the pupil's return to school are continued in the Behaviour Management Policy.

A copy of 'The Guidance on Exclusion Procedures' is kept by the Headteacher for reference.