MARSHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

School Suspensions and Exclusions Policy

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Introduction

This policy covers the two types of exclusion, fixed term suspension and permanent exclusion. A fixed term suspension is for a specific period of time. A pupil may be suspended for one or more fixed periods (up to a maximum of 45 schools days in a single academic year). A permanent exclusion involves the child being removed from the school roll.

Aim of this Policy

The aim of this policy is to ensure that the suspension and exclusions process is applied fairly and consistently in line with legislation and statutory guidance and that the process is understood by governors, staff, parents and students. It aims to ensure that students in school are safe and happy and that they can achieve good outcomes.

The Decision to Exclude

Only the Headteacher or the Deputy Headteacher (in the absence of the Headteacher) can exclude a student from the school.

All exclusions follow the "Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England – Statutory guidance for those with legal responsibilities in relation to exclusion – September 2017" (updated September 2021) and "Changes to the school suspension and expulsion process during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak".

School staff and governors will follow the responsibilities as outlined in the statutory guidance regarding the process of any exclusion and communications to parents, governors and the local authority.

Considering a Reinstatement of an Excluded Student

The local governing body may consider the reinstatement of an excluded pupil, in line with the statutory guidance.

An Independent Review

Parents can apply for an independent review of a decision not to reinstate a permanently excluded student. These arrangements will follow the statutory guidance governing academy trusts and permanent exclusions.

School Registers

The school will remove a student's name from the school roll in line with the statutory guidance.

Returning from a Fixed-term Suspension

Following a fixed-term suspension, a re-integration meeting will be held involving the pupil, parents, a member of senior staff and other staff, where appropriate.

The following measures may be implemented when a pupil returns from a school suspension:

- Agreeing a behaviour contract
- Moving a student on to the next stage of the behaviour procedure including a Pastoral Support Plan (PSP)
- Internal isolation
- Participating in an restorative approach meeting

Monitoring Arrangements

The Deputy Headteacher monitors the number of exclusions every term and reports back to SLT and local governing body. They also liaise with the local authority to ensure suitable full-time education for excluded pupils.

This policy will be reviewed by the Deputy Headteacher annually. At every review, the policy will be approved by the local governing body.

Links with Other Policies

- Behaviour Policy
- SEND Policy