



Farney Close School Exclusion Policy

Why do young people get excluded from Farney Close ?

The following is a broad, structured outline regarding the type of incidents that may bring about either a permanent or temporary exclusion from the school. Before any sanctions set out in these guidelines are given, there will be a full investigation by the Head into any alleged incident. Each case will be treated on its individual circumstances.

Drugs and Substance Abuse

- Any pupil found to be using, carrying or selling hard drugs e.g. Cocaine, Heroin, Crack-Cocaine, LSD, Ecstasy, will be immediately permanently excluded and reported to the Police.
- Any pupil using, carrying, or selling soft drugs, such as Cannabis, will be temporarily excluded and reported to the Police on the first occasion. Before consideration is given to the young person returning to school, a meeting will be held to discuss circumstances of the exclusion. Any further incident will result in immediate permanent exclusion.

Solvent Abuse. **NO AEROSOLS ARE ALLOWED ON THE SCHOOL SITE.** Any pupils found abusing any solvent of toxic substances will be immediately temporarily excluded. Any further incidence is likely to result in permanent exclusion, particularly if it is felt that the young person is putting themselves at risk or others.

Refusal to take prescribed medication

- Naturally the school make every attempt to persuade the young person to take their medication. However, if after all attempts have been made and there is still no success, the pupil will be temporary excluded until they are either able to comply with the prescription

recommendations, or the school has been informed by a Doctor that the pupil no longer needs the prescribed medication.

- Persistent refusal may result in permanent exclusion.

Violence and Aggression

Each case will be treated individually. However, it must be noted that any serious assault to either a pupil or a member of staff, will result in at least a temporary exclusion. A permanent exclusion may also be considered dependent upon the seriousness of the attack or injury. In all cases the school will consider whether or not to inform the Police, though victims have to do so without consulting the school.

Bullying, Extortion, Intimidation and Discrimination.

If a young person fails to respond to adult intervention on these issues over a period of time, an initial temporary exclusion will be made. A meeting will be requested by the school with the parents / carers and a representative of the Local Authority, to devise a course of action that will hopefully support and help the pupil stop such behaviour. Persistent reoccurrence of such behaviours could lead to permanent exclusion on the grounds of health and safety or the young person's refusal to modify their behaviour.

Criminal Behaviour or Damage to Property or Vehicles.

- In isolated incidents of damage where replacement / repair costs incurred is less than £100, the pupil will be expected to make remuneration from their pocket money on a weekly basis until the sum is reimbursed. Where the cost of repair or replacement is over £40 the pupil's parents will be expected to make a contribution towards reparation.
- Frequent incidents of damage to property by a young person, or any damage exceeding £100 will involve Police with a view to a charge of Criminal Damage being sought by the school.
- Incidents of persistent or substantial damage to property by a young person who then fails to respond to the above sanctions is likely to result in temporary or permanent exclusion.
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Theft

Any young people involved in the theft of property of the school or another pupil's personal property will either be: -

- Seen by Senior Members of Staff and be expected to repay the full replacement cost of the goods stolen if damaged or unable to return them.
- Reported to the Police.
- Temporarily or permanently excluded, depending on the nature of the offence.

Arson

All incidents of arson will be reported to the police and are extremely likely to result in permanent exclusion.

Pupils placing themselves and/or others at risk through:

Sexualised activity.

- ◆ Disregard for personal safety.
- ◆ Disregard for the safety of others.
- ◆ Repeated absconding.

Will:

- Be seen by the Head, the Deputy Head or Head of Care and parents/carers will always be informed and may be asked to attend a meeting to discuss the situation.
- Where necessary, the matter will also be reported to the pupils Local Authority, West Sussex MASH and the Police.
- Repeated incidents or incidents of a serious nature, where pupils place themselves in dangerous and vulnerable situations, are likely to result in a temporary or permanent exclusion.

Young people who have a continual detrimental effect on the life of the school

- Young people who have been monitored and are seen to be unwilling to co-operate with the basic routines, requests and expectations of the school, and who have failed to respond to

support and intervention, are likely to be temporarily excluded whilst a meeting is convened with parents and other agencies to discuss the young person's placement.

- Before any decision regarding exclusion is made, the matter will be fully discussed by the Head, Deputy Head and Governors representative on site.
- In all incidences of temporary or permanent exclusion, parents and referring agencies will be informed in writing.

What if the parents / carers do not agree with the decision to exclude?

Parents have the right to appeal to the Chair of Governors regarding any temporary or permanent exclusion made. In the case of a temporary exclusion, parents / carer's must make their appeal in writing within 5 days of the exclusion. In the case of a permanent exclusion, parents / carer's must make their appeal in writing within 10 days. Having heard the case, the Governing Council will endeavour to make a decision on the appeal within twenty school days from the date that the disciplinary action was taken. **The Governing Councils decision will be final.**