



**Policy No. 29**  
**ACORN SCHOOL**  
**EXCLUSION POLICY**

**Scope**

Very rarely, a Student's poor behaviour may lead to a period of exclusion from the school. We try to use them sparingly, usually only for serious breaches of school policy or law.

The Headteacher may exclude a pupil for one or more fixed periods not exceeding 45 days in any one school year.

**Permanent exclusion**

When all other reasonable steps have been taken and it's our judgement that allowing the child to remain in school would be seriously detrimental to the welfare of others or their own wellbeing, then a Student may be permanently excluded.

If the decision is made to exclude, we will inform the Student's carers/ parents immediately. We will explain:

- why the Student is to be excluded
- the steps that have been taken to try to avoid it
- arrangements to allow the Student to continue their education during the exclusion period
- the date and time of the Case Meeting, which must be held before the child can return to school

While a Student is excluded from school, employees will maintain contact with the Student's care home and undertake a home visit prior to the Case Meeting.

For permanent exclusion, we will also notify Care Homes Managers and parents of their Right of Appeal.