



Exclusions Policy



There are a range of sanctions available when a pupil's behaviour falls short of expected standards (see the Discipline policy). When a serious breach of discipline takes place, it will be necessary to permanently exclude a pupil from school. The Headmaster will make this decision after consultation with the Head of Year, Assistant Head (Pastoral) and Deputy Head.

The following list, which is not exhaustive, gives examples of poor behaviour that would warrant permanent exclusion:-

- Theft
- Breaches of the school's policy on drugs
- Bullying
- Unacceptable conduct towards a member of staff
- Consistently poor work over an extended period of time (and only after all other options have been explored and only after close liaison with the parents).

Under no circumstances should any member of school possess, in School or on the journey to and from school, any material unsuitable for children or schools. This includes anything of a violent, dangerous, racist or inappropriate sexual nature, stored in any format including on mobile phones or other electronic devices.

A pupil may be suspended pending the outcome of further investigation.

Suspensions will last for a maximum period of one week. The decision to suspend will be taken by a member of the SMT in conjunction with the Head of Year. Parents will be contacted and asked to collect the pupil from school. A decision to re-admit or to permanently exclude after a period of suspension will take place following an interview with the Headmaster or Deputy Head, which parent(s) will be required to attend. If a pupil is exonerated they will be readmitted and no reference to the matter will be held on the pupil's school record. If it is judged that the poor behaviour does not warrant permanent exclusion the pupil will be readmitted and a final written warning will be placed on their file. Parents will be sent a copy of the warning and an explanation of the school's expectations regarding future conduct. The letter will make it clear that the pupil's place at BGS is in jeopardy and that a second offence of a serious nature is very likely to lead to permanent exclusion.

In certain circumstances, it may be possible to arrange for suspension to take place within school. The pupil will be given work to complete in supervised private study.