

Rishton Methodist Primary School

Exclusion Policy

School Mission Statement

As a Methodist school, our values lie at the heart of all we are and do. Within our caring Christian community, where all are welcome, everyone is encouraged to be the best that they can possibly be. We promote respect, compassion and resilience to prepare our children for the challenges of an ever-changing world.

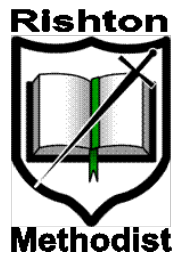
Rise uptake courage and do it"

Ezra 10:4

It is the policy of Rishton Methodist Primary School to try and deal with all behavioural issues in an active, positive way, employing a wide range of strategies to avoid issues reaching the point of exclusion (see Behaviour and Discipline Policy).

However, should the need for exclusion arise, following a sustained period of unacceptable behaviour or a single case of an extremely dangerous and or/ violent act, the school will adopt the following approach:

- The child will be excluded for a period of ½ day upwards for a fixed term exclusion
- Parents/ guardians will be notified immediately by telephone and asked to remove their child from the school
- They will be given a formal letter outlining the reason for exclusion, the exclusion process and details of procedures they may wish to adopt e.g. school's Discipline committee
- For exclusions of 5 days or fewer in a term, the Governors' Pupil Discipline committee cannot overturn the headteacher's decision but can place their views on the pupil's school record. For exclusions of more than 5 days and up to 15 in a term, a governors' meeting may be held at the request of parents. For more than 15 days in a term, there must be a meeting. For more than 5 day exclusions, the Governors may overturn the headteacher's decision.
- The Chair of Governors will be notified at the time exclusion is decided, as will appropriate Lancashire County Council agencies e.g. attendance officer.
- The school will act in accordance with the Information for Parents Leaflets attached and these will be forwarded to parents as appropriate.
- The school will put in place a reintegration programme for the pupil on their return which may be fully or in stages which will be agreed at a reintegration meeting. Parents must attend this meeting.
- The programme will include input from staff, parents, the attendance team and if deemed appropriate, the child.



Should it be decided for whatever reason that the matter needs to be put into the hands of another agency e.g. child protection, the school will continue to monitor the situation closely and work with that agency.

It is hoped that in most cases following exclusion, the child will be able to return to school and that the return programme will promote a more positive attitude and subsequent improvement in behaviour.

Signature from Governors:

Date:

Signature of Head teacher:

Date:

Date of next review:

January 2022