



## **Every Child Matters Academy Trust Permanent Exclusion Arrangements**

At Every Child Matters Academy Trust, children are at the heart of all we do. We will provide EVERY CHILD with early help and support to remove barriers to learning and provide an education that raises aspiration resulting in excellence and enjoyment. This will enable all children to fulfil their potential and maximise their life chances.

We will work with children and families to ensure that individual needs are catered for wherever possible.

However, on occasion we do need to address significant dangerous behaviours, which may result in children being permanently excluded from school. We would only ever do this as a last resort and exclusion within our trust is rare. We follow the Barnsley MBC guidelines for permanent exclusion. Only the headteacher, or acting headteacher, can permanently exclude a pupil from school on disciplinary grounds.

Our schools aim to:

- Ensure that the exclusion and suspension processes are applied fairly and consistently.
- Help governors, staff, parents/carers and pupils understand the exclusions process.
- Ensure that pupils in school are safe and happy.
- Prevent pupils from becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training).
- Ensure all suspensions and permanent exclusions are carried out lawfully.

A decision to suspend or exclude a pupil will be taken only:

- In response to serious or persistent breaches of the school's behaviour policy.
- If allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of others.
- Where the pupil is accused of a serious criminal offence away from school and the head, in the best interests of the pupil and others in school, feels that they should be educated off site for a period of time.

If a child is excluded, our first action is to inform the parents of the incident and request them to come into school to collect their child. The headteacher will ensure that the relevant paperwork is completed, which will include a detailed account of the events that have led to this action having to be taken. This will be shared with the local authority and the Chair of Governors at the school. Where a child has a social worker or is in care, the headteacher will inform their social worker or the virtual school head. Copies of the forms will also be provided to the parent

During the first 5 days of the exclusion, school will provide the child with work to be completed so no learning time is lost.

For the first 5 school days of an exclusion (or until the start date of any alternative provision or the end of the suspension, where this is earlier), the parents/carers are legally required to ensure that their child is not present in a public place during school hours.