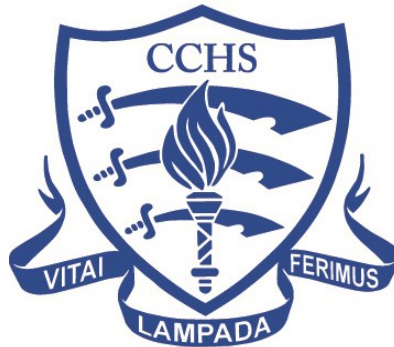


*Chelmsford County High School
for Girls*



Exclusion Policy

Approved by the Governing Body: November 2020

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Sometimes a student's poor behaviour will lead to a period of exclusion from the school. We conform to the DfE Guiding Principles on exclusions, and we try to use them sparingly, and only for serious breaches of school policy or law.

The Headteacher may exclude a student for one or more fixed term not exceeding 45 days in any one school year for a fixed period of time.

The School can exclude a student if she has seriously broken school rules and allowing her to stay in school would seriously harm her education or welfare, or the education or welfare of other students or members of the School community.

Only the headteacher or acting headteacher can exclude a student.

A student cannot be given fixed term (non-permanent) exclusions which total more than 45 school days in any one school year.

The School will set work for the excluded student and mark it during any period of exclusion.

The School will notify parents on the day an exclusion is given and follow up with a letter including information on:

- The period and reason for exclusion.
- The parents' duty during the first five days of any exclusion to ensure that their daughter is not present in a public place during normal school hours, whether in the company of a parent or not.
- Any arrangements made by the School that apply from the sixth day of the exclusion.

Permanent Exclusions

The School will usually only permanently exclude a student as a last resort, after a range of strategies have been used in trying to improve the student's behaviour. However, there are exceptional circumstances in which a Headteacher may decide to permanently exclude a student for a 'one-off' offence such as violence or bringing drugs or alcohol into the School.

The School's Governing Body is required to review the Headteacher's decision and the parent may meet with them to explain their views on the exclusion.

If the Governing Body confirms the exclusion, parents have the right to appeal to an independent appeal panel organised by the local authority. The School must explain in a letter how to lodge an appeal.

School Procedures for Exclusion

1. An investigation of the incident is undertaken by the Year Leader or Assistant Head (Pastoral) or both.
2. The student writes a statement with the Year Leader or Assistant Head (Pastoral) or both.
3. Based on all available evidence, the Assistant Head (Pastoral) brings a recommendation of possible action to the Head for discussion.
4. If the incident is of a serious enough nature, the Headteacher considers the possibility of exclusion and for what length on time, generally not more than 3 days.
5. If a decision to exclude is made, the parents of the student are contacted.
6. The student is interviewed by the Headteacher and the member of staff who investigated the incident.
7. The parents of the student involved are seen by the Headteacher and the member of staff who investigated the incident and the situation and exclusion decision explained.
8. The student is brought in to see the Headteacher with their parents and the exclusion decision and procedure explained to the student.
9. Whilst on exclusion a student is sent school work to their home by e-mail.
10. Parents are advised that whilst on exclusion, their daughter may not be seen in or around the School and are requested to ensure that the child considers their behaviour at home.
11. If the incident involved the internet or a mobile phone, it is suggested to parents that they should restrict or restrain or ban their child from using it at home.
12. A date is agreed for re-instating the student back into school. On that date the parents bring the student into the school and have a meeting with the Headteacher and the Year Leader or the Assistant Head (Pastoral) to discuss how the period of exclusion has gone at the home. The student is then brought into the meeting and, if the situation warrants, the Headteacher may decide the student has not learnt her lesson and may extend the exclusion. If a child is excluded for more than 5 days exclusion at any one time, education would be provided from elsewhere. The readmission meeting is usually with the Year Leader and the Headteacher, to ensure that appropriate support is put in place for the student to prevent a repeat offence.
13. Parents have the right to appeal to a temporary or permanent exclusion through the Local Authority.