



Exclusion Policy 2021 - 2023

RATIONALE

It is the Policy of Croft Church of England Primary School to try to deal with all behavioural issues in an active, positive way, employing a wide range of strategies.

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 recommended approach.

- The child will be excluded, initially for a period of up to 3 days.
- Parents/guardians will be notified immediately by telephone and asked to meet with the Headteacher (or deputy Headteacher in her absence) and then 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. appeals procedure.
- The Chairman of Governors will be notified at the time exclusion is decided, as will the appropriate agencies of the Local Authority where necessary following protocol.

Should it be decided for whatever reason that the matter needs to be put in the hands of another agency i.e. the incident leads to the discovery that there is a Safeguarding issue, the school will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with that agency.

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

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The **Headteacher** will follow carefully the procedures set out in law and in statutory guidance which are designed to ensure fairness and openness in the handling of

exclusions. Following this guidance will also reduce the chance of any successful legal challenge to the exclusion at a later stage.

EQUALITY

At Croft Church of England Primary School, we actively seek to encourage equity and equality through our curriculum. No gender, race, creed or ethnicity will be discriminated against.

REVIEW

This policy is reviewed every two years or as required by legislation, by the Governing Body. This policy was reviewed by the governing body in September 2021.

Headteacher: RLRoberts 31st August 2021

Chair of governors:

To be reviewed 31st August 2023