



Alternative Suspension Information

The information below is intended as a guide to support those parents/carers who have children who have received an alternative suspension.

Rational for Alternative Suspension

Suspensions are always a last resort for pupils who have seriously or significantly broken the School's Behaviour Policy. Alternative suspension provides an alternative to fixed term suspension (where a student is required, by law, to remain at home or in a non-public place). Alternative suspension involves the placement of a student in an alternative school setting and is based on a shared/reciprocal agreement between a cluster of local schools. This arrangement means that students still attend a school setting and receive support/supervision whilst working on independent learning tasks. Alternative suspension is seen as a stage before the need to issue a fixed term suspension.

How does Alternative Suspension work?

If Alternative Suspension is appropriate then the pupil will spend a day or number of days attending another named school; likely to be Trafalgar School, Castle View Academy or Admiral Lord Nelson School. The Host school will house the excluded pupil in their Inclusion facilities or their Alternative Provision area.

Practical Arrangements for Alternative Suspension

- Springfield School will contact the Host school by 4pm the day before the Alternative Suspension provision starts.
- Springfield School will ensure that the contact details, and any relevant medical or health information for the excluded pupil are with the host school before the arrival of pupil on their first day. Work will also be provided. This will be paper based, as it is not always possible for the host school to provide ICT facilities (please note that parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that any medication is taken with their child to the host school)
- Parents are responsible for transport to and from the named host school and the pupil should arrive at 9am and report to reception. The Alternative Suspension will end at 2:30pm
- The host school will notify Springfield if the pupil does not arrive by the designated time, and a parent will then be notified.
- During the Alternative Suspension, the pupil will be supervised at all times.
- If the excluded pupil is entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), the host school will be notified and will provide a meal.
- The host school will contact the excluding school immediately if the behaviour of the excluded pupil is in any way inappropriate. The pupil will return to Springfield School or be sent home (in agreement with parents) and it is likely that a fixed term suspension will be put in place.

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