



Barring Disruptive Parents from School Premises

Lead Person:	Headmaster
Support Persons:	SLT
Governing Body Committee:	Pupil Welfare

The vast majority of parents and carers are, of course, positive partners with the school in the education of their children and share our values of respect, kindness and integrity. Our parents and carers enjoy access to the school and teachers to inform themselves about their children's work and progress.

Exceptionally however, parents and carers may act in such a disruptive and abusive way that normal access to the school has to be barred or restricted (perhaps requiring the presence of a third party) in the interest of pupil and staff welfare. The Court of Appeal in January 2000 has set down certain principles which have to be observed when denying normal access to parents. It is essential in law that the parent be given an opportunity to 'make representations' as to why (s)he should not have access barred or restricted before any such prohibition is actually issued. The Headmaster should write to the parent explaining that because of his/ her behaviour it is intended to bar him/her from the school premises or to restrict access and asking whether the parent wishes to put forward any views on the issue. A short time (5 working days) will be allowed for the parent to reply in writing. On the receipt of any views or at the expiry of the deadline the Head is free to confirm, modify or cancel the action which it was intended to take.

If a parent is banned from the school by the Headmaster, there will be an automatic review of the barring order by a Governor.

In cases of real emergency, the Headmaster may ban a parent with immediate effect, but temporarily until such time as the parent's representations' have been received as outlined in the previous paragraph. At that time the Headmaster could confirm, modify or cancel the temporary ban.

The power to remove a person causing 'nuisance or disturbance' on school premises is derived from section 547 of the Education Act 1996 which authorises a police constable or a person (i.e. a person authorised by the Academy Trust) to remove offenders from the premises. The Academy Trust has authorised the Head to remove persons causing nuisance or disturbance.

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