ABINGDON

Discipline and Exclusions Policy

1. Discipline

1.1. Abingdon School expects a high standard of behaviour from all its pupils. The School's Pupil Behaviour Policy gives guidance on the behavioural expectations within the School.

1.2. There are two School Rules that underpin the School's Disciplinary Policy:

a) Members of the School must obey the laws of the land. Any form of law breaking, wherever committed, may endanger a student's place in the School.

b) Members of the School are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with common sense and the conventions of good behaviour. Conduct that may bring the School into disrepute is likely to attract disciplinary action.

1.3. Infringements of the School policies and rules will invite appropriate and reasonable admonishment and punishment in proportion to the offence. Sanctions are reviewed annually and are itemised in the Behaviour, Rewards and Sanctions Policy on the website. There is a graded range of punishments up to and including suspension or even exclusion.

1.4. No pupil may directly discipline another without involvement of staff. The Governors review disciplinary procedures annually and request information on serious sanctions three times a year through the Head's report.

1.5. In addition to sanctions the School has a complementary series of rewards to encourage common sense and good behaviour to prevail.

1.6. Expectations of staff behaviour and information concerning discipline are detailed in the Staff Code of Conduct. In particular, corporal punishment should not be used or threatened, because the school rejects the use of corporal punishment.

1.7. Pupils should behave appropriately online. Appendix 1 of the ICT (Pupil) Policy gives practical advice on ICT use for pupils including examples of behaviour that is not acceptable. This theme is also explored in PSHCE

lessons, assemblies and tutor periods. Pupils should be aware that their behaviour online should match their behaviour in person.

2. Exclusion

2.1. Abingdon School reserves the right to exclude, either permanently or temporarily, any pupil who disobeys rules that are regarded as serious by the Head, such as the taking or possession of illegal drugs, theft of School or personal property or bullying behaviour. A pupil will also be excluded if, in the opinion of the Head, he has transgressed so much that his position in the School becomes untenable. When making a decision, the Head will take into account such factors as the pupil's welfare and also the welfare of the community as a whole. The Head will inform the Chairman of Governors of permanent or temporary exclusions.

2.2. Every pupil or parent has a right of appeal against such decisions. The appeal procedure is laid out in the Complaints Procedure on the website.

3. Fees Following Expulsion

3.1. If the Pupil is expelled, there will be no refund of the Acceptance Fee or of Fees for the current or past Terms. There will be no charge to Fees in lieu of Notice but, save for any contrary provisions in any other agreement made between the Parents and the School, all arrears of Fees and any other sums due to the School will be payable.

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