

Sanctions

Serious Misbehaviour

Stage 1 Simple Booking"/Warning

Booking Form - Pupil sent to principal at 11.00am or 1.00pm - (Note to parents in journal).

Stage 2 "Booking & Detention"

Pupil gets a booking. Class teacher recommends detention or principal gives detention. (note to parents in journal). Detention takes place at lunch time.

Stage 3 "Case Conference & Contract of Behaviour"

If stages (1) & (2) are not deemed effective, parents are asked to attend a case conference. A contract of behaviour is drawn up between the teacher and pupil. This is signed by the parents, teacher and pupil.

Stage 4 "Internal Suspension"

Internal suspension is when a pupil is removed from their own base class and is placed in another class for up to three days. This will be activated when stage 1 - 3 are exhausted or when a series of misbehaviour occurs or when a single serious incident of misbehaviour occurs.

Stage 5 "Suspension"

This procedure is used in the case of gross misbehaviour.

(a) If stage 4 is exhausted or there is a single incident of gross misbehaviour, the principal requests a meeting with the parents. If considered warranted, the principal reserves the right to suspend the pupil for 3 days initially. This power of suspension is delegated to the principal by the Board of Management.

(b) In certain circumstances, the principal with the approval of the chairperson of the BOM may suspend a pupil for 5 school days.

(c) A meeting of the BOM may authorise further suspension up to a maximum of 10 days. Suspension will be in accordance with section 23 of the Education Act 2000.

Stage 6 "Shortened School Day"

In exceptional cases where a pupil has a history of highly disruptive behaviour and where behaviour management plans are unsuccessful, the BOM may place the pupil on a shortened school day. If the pupil's behaviour improves, the day will be extended up to and including a full school day as part of the behaviour management plan.

Stage 7 "Expulsion"

This procedure may be considered in an extreme case in accordance with Section 23 of The Education Welfare Act 2000.

Grounds for Expulsion

- * Behaviour is a persistent cause of significant disruption to the learning of others or to the teaching process.
- * Continued presence of pupil constitutes a real and significant threat to safety.
- * Pupil responsible for serious damage to property.

Automatic Expulsion

BOM may sanction automatic expulsion for certain prescribed behaviours: