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<b>Policy Title</b>	<b>Exclusions</b>	<b>Version No.</b>	<b>2</b>
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<b>Rationale</b>	<p>A decision to exclude a pupil should only be taken:</p> <p><i>"in response to a serious breach, or persistent breaches, of the school's behaviour policy; <b>and</b> where allowing the pupil to remain in school would <b>seriously harm</b> the education or welfare of the pupil or others in the school".</i></p> <p>The Duston School will always offer support and guidance through the whole school expectations in an attempt to avoid exclusions for all students.</p>
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<p><b>Policy Statement</b></p>	<p>Any exclusion should be consistent with the school’s behaviour policy. Only the Principal can exclude a pupil.</p> <p><b>Reasons for Exclusion</b> Incidents including one or more of the following could justify exclusion which are deemed as a non negotiable of The Duston School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explicit swearing at a member of staff</li> <li>• Fighting</li> <li>• Bullying</li> <li>• Persistent oppositional defiance</li> <li>• Persistent truancy</li> <li>• Refusal to attend detention</li> <li>• Smoking on school site</li> <li>• Consuming or bringing in alcohol</li> <li>• Bringing illegal substances to school (and distributing)</li> <li>• Bringing a weapon to school</li> <li>• Assaulting a member of staff</li> </ul> <p>There may be other issues for which a student needs to be excluded which will be at the discretion of the Principal and the school.</p> <p>Internal Exclusion / Isolation is for a predetermined number of days in which a pupil will be isolated from normal lessons on a timetable and will be supervised by a member of staff. This is a preventative measure to avoid a Fixed Period Exclusion.</p> <p>Fixed Period Exclusion is for a predetermined number of days up to a limit of 45 days per school year. The school is responsible for setting work for pupils on exclusion. The expectation is that the pupil will return after the exclusion with a parent for a readmission meeting. Exclusions are cumulative. For instance, a first offence will generally warrant a 1 day fixed period exclusion. On repeated offences, this will generally take the order of, 1 day, 2 days, 3 days, 4 days, 5 days. Exceeding 5 days is at the discretion of the Principal. Each exclusion will be considered on an individual basis.</p> <p>Permanent Exclusion. This should only be sanctioned for very serious breaches of the school behaviour and exclusions policy, &amp; if allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of the pupil or others in the school. A pupil does not have the right to return to school if the exclusion is upheld. The school is responsible for setting work for the pupil until the Governing Body Discipline Committee uphold the exclusion. A series of support strategies will be put into place to help realign behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tutor intervention</li> <li>• DoY intervention</li> <li>• AP intervention</li> <li>• Principal intervention</li> </ul> <p>These interventions will be put in place prior to permanent exclusion.</p>
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<b>Staff responsible</b>	PDE		
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