

Notification to parent of a fixed period exclusion of 5 school days or fewer in one term, and where a public examination is not missed.

Dear **Mr J Morris and Ms E Goode**,

I am writing to inform you of my decision to exclude **John Morris** for a fixed period of **1 ½ day**. This means that he will not be allowed in school for this period. The exclusion began on **Thursday 9th December 21** and ends on **Friday 10th December 2021 at 3:00pm**.

I realise that this exclusion may be upsetting for you and your family, but the decision to exclude **John Morris** has not been taken lightly. **John Morris** has been excluded for this fixed period because of **physical assault against adults**.

You have a duty to ensure that your child is not present in a public place in school hours during this exclusion from now until **Friday 10th December at 3:00pm**, unless there is reasonable justification for this. I must advise you that you may receive a penalty notice from the local authority if your child is present in a public place during school hours on the specified dates. If so, it will be for you to show reasonable justification.

We will set work for **John Morris** to be completed on the days specified in the previous paragraph as school days during the period of his exclusion when you must ensure that he is not present in a public place without reasonable justification. Please ensure that work set by the school is completed and returned to us promptly for marking.

You and your child have the right to make representations about this decision to the governing body/management committee if you do not agree. If you wish to make representations please contact **Mrs Vicky Jackman Chair of Governors** in person, in writing to C/o St Stephens CE RSA Academy, Maybe Avenue, Redditch, Worcestershire, B98 8HW as soon as possible. Whilst the governing body/management committee has no power to direct reinstatement, they must consider any representations made by you and your child and may place a copy of their findings on your child's school record.

You are advised that the following sources of advice are available to you:

- Eileen Hughes Pupil Exclusion and Mediation Officer Worcestershire:
01905 766628
ehughes@worcestershire.gov.uk
- You may also find it useful to contact the Children's Legal Centre. They aim to provide free legal advice and information to parents on education matters.

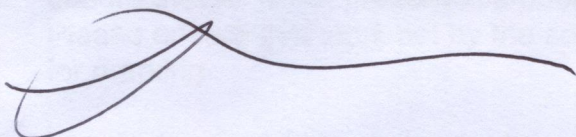
They can be contacted on 0808 802 0008 or at <http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com>. The advice line is open from 8 am to 8 pm Monday to Friday, except Bank Holidays and 24th December to the 1st January.

- The current Statutory Exclusions Guidance: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/921405/20170831_Exclusion_Stat_guidance_Web_version.pdf
- Parent Partnership Service Worcestershire
01905 610858
ppservice@worcestershire.gov.uk
- Worcestershire Gypsy Roma Traveller Education Team
01905 766609
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John's exclusion expires on **Friday 10th December 2021 at 3:00pm** and we expect John to be back in school on **Monday 13th December 21 at 8:45am**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sarah Callanan
Principal



cc. Child's school file

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After Lunch, Mrs Bibi asked for assistance with John. Mr Parkinson was struggling to get him in from outside play. DW went out to John in Early Years playground, reminded John of listening to the grown ups and coming straight back in. He shouted at DW. DW reiterated when he was calm he could come back in. He then started to mess in the sand, and he started to throw it. As it was not safe for DW to be near him, she backed away. JM then started to shout he wanted to come in. DW asked JM to show her his hands so she had the reassurance they weren't full of sand. DW approached John, he quickly took a handful of sand (from the windowsill) and threw it at DW. It hit DW in the face. After JM had thrown it in DW's face, DW reiterated to JM that when she could see his hands were clear, he would be able to come back into class. DW tried to encourage JM in at least three times, but each time JM went to grab another handful of sand.

On the fourth time, DW could see that JM's hands were clear and that he had kept them clear so he was welcomed into the classroom. JM was asked to sit on the carpet but he began to shout No.

SEB arrived back from lunch, JM was wandering the classroom. SEB and AN stepped in to support JW. JM clung to SEB's legs and started to climb up her. SEB guided JM by the hand out to the cloakroom. JM smacked SEB. AN then stepped in and he smacked AN. JM then started to kick out at both members of staff so we took off his shoes. JM bent over to bite SEB on the arm. SEB pulled her arm away so he bit her knee.

AN then called for SB's assistance when SB arrived, JM approached SB and smacked her across the chest. SB tried to calmly talk to JM about why he was smacking. JM didn't respond apart from saying "No!" SB then stepped towards the door and JM smacked SB across the chest for a second time.