

Redhill Primary Academy

PARENTAL “LICENCE” TO ATTEND ACADEMY POLICY/TERMS/PROCEDURES



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Mrs. Beth Tutchener-Ellis – Chair of Governors

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POLICY/TERMS/PROCEDURES TO APPLY**

Through the Academy’s practice of welcoming parents of registered pupils into the school and the natural right of parents to need to visit the Academy from time to time to deal with matters related to their children’s education, parents acquire what is seen in law as, a limited “licence” to enter the premises of the Academy at which their children are educated.

However, in appropriate, hopefully extremely rare, circumstances the head teacher may revoke this “licence”.

As is now required through recent Case Law, The Policy/Terms applying to this Academy’s “Parental Licence” and the procedures that will be followed should the need arise to consider the revoking the “licence” in individual cases are set out below for the information of parents.

1. Policy/Terms of the Academy’s Parental Licence

- Parents of registered pupils are welcomed into our Academy
- The “Parental Licence” is only acquired by parents of registered pupils at the Academy and pertains only whilst such parents have a child actually registered at the Academy
- The “Parental Licence” expects parents to conduct themselves in a proper manner whilst on the Academy premises and to observe normal common courtesies
- The “Parental Licence” does not give any parent the right to roam the Academy’s premises at will nor any right to enter into the Academy premises outside normal Academy times, at weekends or in Academy holiday periods.
- The “Parental Licence” does not give any parent any right to disrupt in any way the delivery of education at the Academy nor to otherwise behave in an unacceptable manner towards the premises, its staff, its children or their belongings or any other persons on the premises.
- The “Parental Licence” does not give any parent any right to expect to be able to access members of the Academy’s staff or the head teacher outside the normal arrangements for the making of appointments

2. Circumstances in which consideration will be given to revoking the “Parental Licence”.

Revocation of the “Parental Licence” will be considered in persistent cases falling into any of the following categories:

- Any behaviour on Academy premises towards staff, pupils, parents or any other persons on the Academy premises deemed by the head teacher as being unacceptable; and/or
- Physical or verbal abuse of staff, pupils, parents or any other persons on the Academy premises; and/or
- Misuse, abuse, damage of/to any Academy, staff, pupils’, parents’ or any other persons’ property or equipment or any other goods on the Academy’s premises; and/or
- Any nuisance or disturbance on the Academy’s premises e.g. any unauthorised use of the premises e.g. trespass, dog walking, playing of games etc. in or out of the Academy hours, including evenings, weekends or the Academy holiday periods

3. Procedures that will be followed by the head teacher in cases where revocation of the “Parental Licence” has been determined as the only remaining appropriate action.

The following procedures will be those normally followed in circumstances where the head teacher has decided to revoke the “Parental Licence”. However, in circumstances considered very serious related to the safety of staff, pupils, other parents, any other persons, property and/or equipment etc. the “Parental Licence” may be revoked without prior warning.

- Headteacher to have warned the parent concerned either verbally or in writing, whichever the most practicable in the circumstances on at least one prior occasion, that their behaviour was unacceptable and could not be tolerated and that, if it persisted, would result in the parent being “banned” from the premises;
- Where unacceptable behaviour persists after prior warning; or the circumstances are so serious to warrant an immediate ban, the head teacher shall:
- If practicable tell the parent that they are “banned” from the premises and that they should leave immediately. The police should be involved if any difficulties arise and the parent concerned refuses to leave the premises
- Write to the parent concerned setting out the reasons for the ban and the period of the ban if not to be left open ended. The letter should also include an opportunity for the parent to make written representations to the head teacher against the imposition of the ban and its continuance as well as details of when and how the ban should be continued, will be reviewed. The letter should also explain that, as and when necessary, the parent will be allowed onto the premises for legitimate educational reasons relating to the education of their child concerned on a strict appointment basis only.
- Consider any representations made and determine whether to continue the ban and for how long and to convey that decision to the parent in writing
- As appropriate, establish satisfactory review arrangements. Review must be undertaken at least once a week. The outcome of each review should be notified to the parent in writing on each occasion.