



Education My Life Matters 'Success for everyone'

Suspension and Permanent Exclusion Statement

Education My Life Matters (EMLM) is committed to following all statutory exclusion procedures to ensure that every child receives an education in a safe and caring environment.

EMLM is an independent school offering alternative provision support for learners aged from 11 to 16. The learners who attend EMLM have joined our school due to a crisis in their education and have faced many barriers to learning in the mainstream school environment or are non-school attenders, including numerous suspensions/exclusions. Many of our learners have some form of diagnosed or undiagnosed special educational needs and/or disability (SEND), have experienced trauma or present with social, emotional and/or behavioural difficulties. Due to the complex nature of our learners and their previous history, we recognise our responsibility to ensure we avoid suspensions and exclusions wherever possible and work with all external agencies/professionals in order to support our learners. Where we have no alternative but to consider suspension/exclusion then we will work on the following principles:

- Ensure that the exclusions process is applied fairly and consistently
- Help governors, staff, parents/carers and learners understand the exclusions process
- Ensure that learners in school are safe and happy
- Prevent learners from becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training)

The decision to exclude

Only the Proprietor can exclude a learner from school. A permanent exclusion will be taken as a last resort. EMLM is aware that off-rolling is unlawful. Ofsted defines off-rolling as: "...the practice of removing a pupil from the school roll without a formal, permanent exclusion or by encouraging a Parent to remove their child from the school roll, when the removal is primarily in the interests of the school rather than in the best interests of the pupil."

A decision to exclude a learner will be taken as a last resort after exhausting all other agencies/support which may be available.

We are committed to following all statutory exclusions procedures to ensure that all our learners receive an education in a safe and caring environment.

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