

Barring Policy

It is the responsibility of all Cathedral Schools Trust employees and volunteers to familiarise themselves with the contents of all Trust policies and any amendments hereafter.

Changes

Version	Date	Amended by	Recipients	Purpose
1	5th May 2021	CST Trustees	Members of CST, every Trustee, each Local Governor, all Cathedral Schools Trust employees and volunteers and others at the discretion of the Chairman of the Trustees of CST. CST Website updated and emailed to parents.	Annual review - as part of the Complaints Policy. Recommendation to have it as a stand-alone policy
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Alterations

This Policy may be altered, added to or repealed by a majority resolution of the Trustees of CST in a general meeting.

Approvals (Annual)

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1	5th May 2021	CST Trustees
2		CST Trustees
3		CST Trustees
4		CST Trustees

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Schools have to act to ensure that they remain a safe place for pupils, staff and other members of their community. (See DFE Advice on school security: Access to, and barring of individuals from, school premises December 2012).

An individual, including a parent/carer may be asked to leave the premises in the event their behaviour is a cause for concern. A parent is defined in section 576 Education Act 1996 as not just natural parents, but also anyone with parental responsibility in the Children Act 1989 or who has care of the child.

For the purposes of the below, 'serious cases' are defined as circumstances when the school/Trust considers that the parent(s)' conduct is aggressive, abusive or insulting behaviour, or language from a parent(s) presents a risk to staff or pupils. It is enough for a member of staff or a pupil to feel threatened. In such a circumstance, schools have a power in common law to bar the parent(s) from the premises.

In serious cases the head teacher/Executive Principal can notify an individual in writing that their implied licence to be on school premises has been temporarily revoked. This bar, if immediate will be:

- a provisional barring until the individual/parent/carer makes representation to the Chair of Governors/Chair of Trustees.
- confirmed or removed once representation considered.

Alternatively the school/Trust can serve notice of intent, invite the individual/parent/carer to make representations within a given deadline and then decide whether or not to bar.

Where the barring is confirmed, the school/Trust will set a time period for which the bar applies.

For the period that the bar is in place, section 547 of the Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a person who is on school premises without lawful authority to cause or permit a nuisance or disturbance on the school premises.