**EXCLUSION WAIVER**

***What is an exclusion waiver?***

In Royal Greenwich this term is known as an EX waiver.  In the event of a specific incident or a culmination of incidents, a school may decide there are sufficient grounds to exclude a child/young person (CYP).

If it is in the best interests of the CYP and to avoid an exclusion; a school may advise the local authority (LA) that they are happy for the parent/carer to be offered an EX waiver.  The school will refer a CYP to Royal Greenwich’s Secondary Fair Access Panel (SFAP) to agree a transfer to a new school (a ‘fresh start’).

All referrals should meet the requirements of the DfE’s statutory guidance to exclude and a formal exclusion letter is still issued by the school to the CYP and their family.  Most London boroughs use a similar mechanism as an alternative to exclusion.  Once a parent/carer agrees to an EX waiver, the school will rescind the exclusion.

The term of a EX waiver is referenced for secondary-aged CYP and is not part of the Primary Fair Access Protocol as over the last 5 years the RBG has not had any exclusions issued for Primary children, therefore it is felt not to be appropriate to apply.

***Agreeing to an Ex waiver means:***

* The CYP does not have an exclusion on their records and it prevents the exclusion progressing through to the school’s Governing Body (Governors’ Disciplinary meeting).
* The CYP has the opportunity to access a new mainstream school through the SFAP.
* The CYP and their family may have access to an alternative provision if it is in their best interests, potentially followed by a new mainstream school placement when deemed to be ‘school ready’.