



SI Sports

Absconding

policy.

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SI SPORTS ABSCONDING POLICY.

The purpose of this policy is to set out clearly for all stakeholders, the process that will take place should a child abscond from school.

To abscond is to 'leave without permission'.

Under Section 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act, 1974 and in Common Law, schools and other education settings owe a duty of care towards their pupils. This duty of care requires that all reasonable steps be taken to ensure that pupils are safe and always remain within the care of the school throughout the school day and during school led activities.

Where a pupil, present at formal registration, is found to be absent from Registers staff will contact Schools reception to check child as gone home or sick, the following procedures should be followed:

Member of staff to inform Simon & Tracey or member of SLT, or School office.

Si Sports staff & SLT search of buildings and known places that the pupil may have gone to.

If the pupil is not found, then all available staff to complete a more thorough sweep of the School / College and check the perimeter of the grounds.

- Si Sports staff to phone the police when area has been fully checked if the child is not found.
- Si Sports Staff to contact parents/carers/guardian and inform them of the situation.

Consideration will be given to whether the search should be extended beyond the school perimeter.

This decision will be based on:

Staff's knowledge of the child and on the levels of risk, and on what action is in the child's best interests.

- 1, Any information regarding where the child has absconded to.
- 2, Who the child might be with.
- 3, Si Sports who leave the school grounds need to take mobile phone to contact academy.
- 4, Once a pupil has been found then Simon & Tracey to meet SLT member and will use their professional judgement to outline the plan towards supporting the pupil in the future.
- 5, A written report will be recorded, and a safeguarding log updated, Simon or Tracey / SLT to brief police and parents.

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Where a pupil attempts or is seen to be leaving the school premises without authorisation the following procedures should be followed:

- 1, Staff must follow the student to the perimeter fence or gate and must try to persuade the student to stay in the School / College
- 2, If the child is deemed to be a high risk to himself or other people, then staff should adhere to the Positive Handling and Safe Hold Policy with reference to holding the student, if appropriate.
- 3, Always staff must be aware that active pursuit may encourage the student to leave the immediate vicinity of the school and may also cause the pupil to panic, possibly putting him or herself at risk by running onto a busy road, for example.
- 4, If the student has left the immediate vicinity of the School / College the DSL, Principal or SLT members must be contacted immediately, and the lead person will direct the course of action.
- 5, Staff will follow the student and engage in a local search, following the student at a safe distance if in view.

6, The SLT lead may direct additional staff to join the search in a vehicle, taking a mobile phone to contact school.

7, Si Sports or SLT lead will contact the student's parents/carers/guardians.

8, If the searching staff lose sight of the Child, they must contact the Simon or Tracey or School office giving details of their location and the clothes which the student is wearing, in order that they may call the police.

9, If the Child has left the immediate vicinity of the school / College grounds and is no longer visible then the SLT will decide as to how to take matters further, which will consider the age of the Child the prevailing weather conditions, the nature of the incident which led to the pupil absconding, the Childs previous history of being involved in episodes of absconding and their outcomes.

10, If the student returns of their own volition, parents/carers/guardians and the police will be informed as soon as possible.

11, Upon his or her return to the School / College, and when the student is calm, the student must be seen by the SLT so that the reasons for absconding may be discussed in detail. At this point a decision will be made as to the appropriateness of further actions.

12, A written report will be recorded on Si Sports computer and safeguarding log updated. This will then be forwarded to the Childs school.

The Management Committee is responsible for reviewing the effectiveness of this absconding Policy each year within Si ports,