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Dear Parents,

Following revised guidance from the DfE on Controlling Access to school premises, please find our reviewed summary setting out the legal position and our rules for granting licence to attend the school premises.

Thank you for your support in keeping St Mark's Academy an orderly, safe place, where relationships between staff, parents and carers, demonstrate mutual respect and recognition of shared responsibility for pupils' welfare and educational progress.

Yours sincerely,

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Access to school Premises

Schools are private property. People do not have an automatic right to enter. Parents have an 'implied licence' to come on to school premises at certain times and at St Mark's we welcome the engagement of parents in their children's learning and experiences at school. Examples of these include:

- for appointments, such as parents' consultations or professionals' meetings
- to attend a school or class event, such as a class assembly, open day or class meeting
- to drop off or pick up children at the beginning and end of the school day

2. Barring individuals from school premises

Schools can bar someone from the premises if they feel that their aggressive, abusive or insulting behaviour or language is a risk to staff or pupils. It is enough for a member of staff or a pupil to feel threatened. All members of the school community have a right to expect that their school is a safe place in which to work and learn. Abusive, threatening or violent behaviour against school staff, parents, children and visitors will not be tolerated. This includes adult-adult behaviour.

Where such behaviour does occur, the school will exercise its right to bar an individual from the premises, informing them in writing. In some cases a warning letter will be sent but in a serious case, or where there has been a previous bar or warning, the school will impose an immediate bar from the premises. A bar will normally be reviewed after a period of time so that we can meet and work together to restore relationships as soon as possible. In the case of young children we will offer arrangements to ensure the child comes safely into and out of school. Even when a bar is in place we will attempt to make arrangements to invite parents onto the site for an annual consultation in relation to their child's educational progress.

When a decision is made to bar from the premises, the individual will be informed in writing; letters will be signed by the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher, or an Academy Trust representative. A bar will be temporarily imposed and the individual will be invited to present their side by a given deadline. Following this, the school can decide whether to continue barring them.

3. Removing individuals from school premises

If a barred individual enters the premises without permission they are committing a criminal offence under Section 547 of the Education Act 1996 and they can be removed from the school by a police officer or a person authorised by the Academy Trust.