



*Nourishing the fitrah of each unique child*

## Controlling Access To the School Premises Policy

The Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

***“Regard.... property...as sacred...”***

(Saheeh Bukhari)

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## Controlling 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, for instance:

- for appointments
- to attend a school event
- to drop off or pick up younger children

At Unique Academy, we have clear rules in place, and we communicate with our parents what the rules are. Anyone who breaks the rules would be trespassing on our premises.

## Barring Individuals From School Premises

Unique Academy can ask someone to leave and take civil action in the courts if someone trespasses its premises regularly. As trespassing is a civil offence, we will write to regular trespassers to inform them that they are potentially committing an offence.

The Unique Academy leadership team reserves the right to 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's enough for a member of staff or a pupil to feel threatened.

Any individual who the leadership proposes to bar from the school will be informed about this in writing. The letter must make clear that the school will bar them temporarily for specific reasons and this letter will be signed by the Headteacher on behalf of the Trustees.

The individual who has been written to can respond in writing by a set deadline.

After the individual's side has been read, the leadership team can decide whether to continue with barring them or not.

The decision should be reviewed within a reasonable time, decided by the leadership team and trustees.

## Removing Individuals From School Premises

Section 547 of the Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a person who is on school premises without legal permission to cause or permit a nuisance or disturbance.

Trespassing itself does not constitute a criminal offence. To have committed a criminal offence, an abusive individual must have been barred from the premises or have exceeded their 'implied licence', then also have caused a nuisance or disturbance.

If Unique Academy has reasonable grounds to suspect that someone has committed an offence, then they can be removed from the school by a police officer or a representative of the school.