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**Exclusion Policy**

Higher Farm Education, as an independent specialist provision (Not Ofsted Registered as of January 2025), will not remove the place of learners who attend our provision, except in cases of violence against a member of staff or another learner or we cannot keep them safe; or we receive new information that means a learner does not meet the designation outlined for our provision. Additionally, the place may be at risk if despite staff’s best efforts, the learner will not engage in the practical nor academic elements of the educational side of the provision. If a placement has to cease, this will not be a surprise as Higher Farm Education will have engaged with parents/carers, Local Authority designated officers and other professional teams attached to the learner, over a period of time and targets set to improve the situation.

The placement that is set up through the LA and/or parents at Higher Farm Education will outline the provision on offer and the cost associated with this. **Both parties will be able to terminate the initial agreement within the first 6 weeks if the placement is believed to be unsuccessful.**

**An unsuccessful placement**

An unsuccessful placement will mean that a learner is not making progress in their attendance in provision. Despite the best efforts of the provision staff to remove barriers, the learner’s attendance does not improve. Their anxiety remains unmanageable. They are displaying extreme behaviours which result in risks to their own safety and the safety of others, with no sign of these incidents decreasing.

We will work hard with the LA and/or parents to mitigate as many of the factors that may be contributing to an unsuccessful placement as possible; but ultimately may serve a 6 week notice period and place the learner on a reduced timetable during this period.

An unsuccessful placement will be indicative that our provision is not able to provide the correct provision for the learner’s needs and Higher Farm Education will complete its best endeavours to support a transition to another placement.

As an independent specialist provision there will be no right of appeal against decisions made by the Headteacher/Education Lead and SENCO.