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#### **General Duties**

1. Subject to the exceptions in paragraph 4, the Academy Trust shall act and shall ensure that the Principal shall act in accordance with the law on exclusions as if the Academy were a maintained school. For this purpose, reference in the law on exclusions to the Head Teacher and Governing Body shall respectively be deemed to be the Principal and Governing Body of the Academy Trust.
2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1, the Academy Trust shall ensure that the Local Authority is informed of an exclusion decision in the same circumstances as required by maintained schools under the law on exclusions.
3. Subject to the exceptions in paragraph 4, the Academy Trust shall ensure that in carrying out their functions the Principal, the Governing Body and the Independent Appeal Panel (established in accordance with paragraph 5) have regard to the Secretary of State's guidance on exclusions<sup>1</sup>. as if the Academy were a maintained school.
4. The exceptions to the duties imposed under paragraphs 1 and 3 are:
  - the Academy Trust, and not the Local Authority, is responsible for making arrangements for Independent Appeal Panels to hear appeals against permanent exclusions where the governors do not direct reinstatement;
  - the Governing Body is not expected to seek the advice of a Local Authority officer when considering an exclusion, although a Local Authority officer may attend any meeting to consider an exclusion at the request of a parent; and
  - subject to the Academy Trust's obligations under clause 52 of this Agreement relating to an agreement with the LA on the flow of funds following an exclusion, the arrangements for money to follow pupils who have been permanently excluded from school does not apply.

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<sup>1</sup>References in this annex to the Secretary of State's guidance are to "Improving Behaviour and Attendance: Guidance on Exclusion from Schools and Pupil Referral Units", which is published on the DCSF website at: <http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/behaviour/exclusion/guidance/>. The guidance may be subject to amendment, and the Academy is required to have regard to the guidance as it stands at any given time.

### **Independent Appeal Panels**

5. The Academy Trust shall, in relation to the Academy, carry out the functions assigned to the Local Authority to establish and manage the appeal procedure for exclusions under the law on exclusions, as if the Academy were a maintained school.

6. Independent Appeals Panels must be impartial and constituted in accordance with the detailed provisions of paragraphs 95-97 of the Secretary of State's guidance on exclusions. The Academy Trust shall arrange suitable training for appeal panel members and clerks.

7. The Independent Appeal Panel's decision is final and binding on the Academy Trust. A parent may seek a judicial review of an Independent Appeal Panel's decision. A parent may not, however, appeal to the Commissioner for Local Administration (the Local Government Ombudsman) about maladministration because the Commissioner's remit is limited to considering the conduct of appeal panels constituted by local authorities.