



## **Leaving the Examination Room Policy**

### **Ludlow Church of England School**

#### **Purpose of the policy**

The purpose of this policy is to confirm that candidates leaving the examination room at Ludlow Church of England School is managed in line with JCQ regulations.

This policy confirms the correct procedures are followed in relation to candidates leaving the examination room. Ludlow Church of England School reserves the right to exercise discretion whether to allow extra time to compensate candidates for their temporary absence from the examination room.

#### **Arrangements for leaving the examination room**

For examinations that last one hour or more, candidates must stay under centre supervision until 10.00am for a morning examination or 2.30pm for an afternoon examination, i.e. one hour after the awarding body's published starting time for that examination. (ICE 23.1)

For examinations that last less than one hour, candidates must be supervised and question papers must be kept in secure storage until the published finishing time of the examination. (ICE 23.2)

Candidates will normally not be allowed to leave the examination room temporarily, unless it is deemed essential by the invigilators (e.g. a medical issue or a candidate feeling unwell). Leaving the examination room to go to the toilet will not be permitted in the first 20 minutes and the last 20 minutes of an exam, unless there is a medical condition which requires this.

Candidates who are allowed to leave the examination room temporarily must be accompanied by a member of centre staff. This must not be the candidate's subject teacher or a subject expert for the examination in question. Those candidates may be allowed extra time at the discretion of the centre to compensate for their temporary absence. (ICE 23.3)

Candidates may not leave the examination before the end of the exam unless by prior arrangement. If candidates leave early when permission has not been granted, it will be considered malpractice and reported to the awarding bodies. Candidates who have finished the examination and have been allowed to leave the examination room early must hand in their script, question paper and any other material before they leave the examination room. Those candidates must not be allowed back into the room. (ICE 23.4)

At the end of the examination, candidates must hand in their script, question paper and any other material before they leave the examination room. (ICE 23.5)

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### **The role of the Exams Officer**

- Provide through training, ensure invigilators are aware how candidates who may be allowed to leave the examination room temporarily should be managed and recorded.

### **The role of the invigilator**

- Ensure a candidate who may be allowed to leave the examination room temporarily is accompanied by a member of centre staff who is not the candidate's subject teacher or a subject expert for the examination in question (ICE 23.3)
- Record instances on the exam room incident log of candidates who may be allowed to leave the examination room temporarily because they may be feeling unwell or require a toilet break (ICE 20.2)
- Ensure candidates who have finished the examination and have been allowed to leave the examination room early hand in their script, question paper and any other material before they leave the examination room. Ensure those candidates are not allowed back into the room (ICE 23.4)
- At the end of the examination, ensure candidates hand in their script, question paper and any other material before they leave the examination room (ICE 23.5)

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that candidates leaving the examination room at Ludlow Church of England School is managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

References in this policy to ICE refer to the JCQ publication Instructions for conducting examinations

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