



EDGBASTON
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Leaving the Examination Room Policy

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Key staff involved in the policy

Role	Name
Exams officer	Umar Ahmed
Senior leader(s)	Not Applicable
Head of centre	Owais Ahmed
Other staff members (if applicable)	Not Applicable

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that candidates leaving the examination room at Edgbaston College is managed in accordance with current requirements and regulations.

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

Purpose of the policy

The purpose of this policy is to confirm that candidates leaving the examination room at Edgbaston College is managed in line with JCQ regulations.

This policy confirms:

- the correct procedures are followed in relation to candidates leaving the examination room
- Edgbaston College reserves the right to exercise discretion whether to allow extra time to compensate candidates for their temporary absence from the examination room

1. 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 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 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)

The following arrangements are applied at Edgbaston College:

- Candidates who are allowed to leave the examination room temporarily may be allowed extra time to compensate for their temporary absence. (ICE 23.3)
- Where a candidate has known and documented supervised rest breaks or has a recognised medical condition which requires attention (ie: diabetes)
- If a candidate is taken suddenly ill whilst in the exam room
- If a candidate has suffered from extreme anxiety on the day of the exam and has been re-seated in the room at the beginning of the exam to reflect this, and continues to experience physical symptoms of anxiety / panic.
- Short toilet break (The Lead Invigilator will make a decision as to whether this is appropriate on an individual basis)

The Lead Invigilator will record these incidents on the Exam Incident Log, recording the student details / cause of leaving the exam room and the time that they left and then returned to the exam room.

All candidates will be allowed the full time for their exam and the time they were absent from the exam room will have been recorded by the Lead Invigilator who will ensure this is added on to the end of each individual candidate's exam timings.

Additional arrangements:

Not applicable

2. Roles and responsibilities

The role of the exams office/officer

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

Additional responsibilities:

Not applicable

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)

Additional responsibilities:

Not applicable