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## Leaving the Examination Room Policy 2024-2025 Blue Coat CE Secondary School

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## Document History

Version	Status	Date	Author	Summary Changes
V1		September 2023	Kelly Jobson	Updated to Reflect JCQ changes 2023-2024
V2		September 2024	Kelly Jobson	Updated to Reflect JCQ changes 2024-2025. Changes highlighted in yellow.

This policy is reviewed and updated annually to ensure that candidates leaving the examination room at Blue Coat 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**.

## Purpose of the Policy

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

This policy confirms:

- The correct procedures are followed in relation to candidates leaving the examination room.
- Blue Coat 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 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 be allowed extra time at the discretion of the centre to compensate for their temporary absence. (ICE 23.5)

Candidates can only leave the examination room where necessary or where supervised rest breaks have been granted by the SENCo. The centre **must** ensure that candidates who leave the room do not have access to any unauthorised materials. (ICE 23.4)

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 23.6)

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 23.7)

## Roles and Responsibilities

### The Role of the Exam's 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

### 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 23.6)
- 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 23.7)

## Changes 2024/2025

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(Updated) References to sections of ICE 23 where these have been changed in ICE 2024-2025.

(Updated) Under heading **Arrangements for leaving the examination room**, updated 3rd bullet point to reflect change to ICE reference:

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. (ICE 23.3)

Candidates may be allowed extra time at the discretion of the centre to compensate for their temporary absence. (ICE 23.5)

(Added) Under heading **Arrangements for leaving the examination room**, added a new bullet point (4th) due to an addition to ICE:

Candidates can only leave the examination room where necessary or where supervised rest breaks have been granted by the SENCo. The centre must ensure that candidates who leave the room do not have access to any unauthorised materials. (ICE 23.4)

## Centre-specific changes

No centre specific changes made to this document

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