

Client Formal Complaints Policy

We are committed to providing a high-quality service and endeavour to carry out our work on behalf of all clients in a prompt, efficient and professional manner. If you have any queries or concerns, we encourage you to raise these as soon as possible with the team member responsible for your service delivery in the first instance.

If a situation arises whereby your point of contact for the service may be unable to resolve the issue to your satisfaction, we would encourage you to use our formal complaints procedure.

What do we regard as a complaint?

We would regard the following as examples of complaints:

- Where a client believes we have done something wrong
- Where a client believes we have failed to do something we should have done
- Where a client believes we have acted too slowly to resolve a matter
- Where a client believes we have not adhered to our policies

We will deal with a complaint in a way that:

- Encourages informal conciliation
- Is fair and efficient
- Treats the complaint with proper seriousness, respect, and confidentiality
- Facilitates early resolution

How we deal with complaints

Our policy and flow chart are intended to provide guidance in situations where clients feel that the service, they have received is unsatisfactory. Resolving small problems or areas of concern as they arise will often prevent escalation of the problem, which could prove difficult to resolve later. Clients are encouraged to raise any issues of dissatisfaction at an early stage so that they can be dealt with effectively.

How to make a Complaint

If you would like to make a formal complaint, please send written confirmation to

care@strictlyeducation.co.uk

Alternatively, please contact us via telephone: 0330 123 2549

To help us to understand your complaint, please tell us:

- Client name and your client reference (noted on all correspondence)
- Client reference
- Trust or school name if different to above
- Your full name and contact details
- What you think we have done wrong
- What you hope the resolution to your complaint will be
- Please let us know if you have brought this matter to our attention already and you are now escalating the complaint
- We will send an acknowledgment within 24 working hours of receipt of your complaint, enclosing a copy of our complaints procedure
- We will investigate your complaint, which will usually involve:
 - reviewing your complaint
 - reviewing your file(s) and other relevant documents
 - speaking to the person responsible for the relevant aspect of service delivery

What else do you need to know?

We may need to ask you for further information or documents. If so, we will ask you to provide the information within a specific period of time, this will be determined by the nature of your complaint and the type of additional information we may ask you to provide. We may also, if appropriate, invite you to a meeting or arrange a telephone call to discuss your complaint.



Within 7 days of receipt of your complaint, the Head of Service will advise you in writing or arrange a meeting to discuss the outcome of our investigation, informing you of what we have done or what we propose to do to resolve your complaint.

If the Head of Service is unable to give a substantive response within this timescale, they will contact you to explain the reason why and set out the timescale within which you should expect a substantive response.

Should you not be satisfied with outcome of our investigation your complaint will be escalated to a member of the Strictly Education Executive Leadership team who will make contact with you and attempt to resolve the complaint.

Client Complaint Process Flow Chart

