

6 July 2021

## **Education Workforce Council: Fitness to Practise Committee**

### **Nicholas Francis SAUNDERS**

A Fitness to Practise Committee of the Education Workforce Council (EWC), sitting remotely on 5 and 6 July 2021, has found allegations of unacceptable professional conduct proved against school teacher, Nicholas Francis SAUNDERS.

The Fitness to Practise Committee found the following allegations proven, that whilst employed as the Headteacher at Cwmcarn Primary School, Mr Saunders, on 31 January 2019:

1. spoke to Pupil A in an aggressive tone and/or shouted at them;
2. stated to Pupil A words to the effect of '*you need to know or you need to learn that you cannot do whatever you want*';
3. grabbed and/or pulled Pupil A's sleeve;
4. grabbed hold of Pupil A's shoulders and/or upper arms;
5. attempted a seated T Wrap restraint of Pupil A when it was inappropriate to do so;
6. grabbed and/or removed Pupil A's ear defenders whilst standing behind them.

The Fitness to Practise Committee imposed a Prohibition Order, indefinitely removing Mr Saunders from the Register of Education Practitioners in the category of school teacher. It also decided Mr Saunders may not make an application for restoration to the Register of Education Practitioners before a period of 2 years has elapsed. Should Mr Saunders not make a successful application for eligibility for restoration to the Register after 6 July 2023, he will remain prohibited indefinitely.

Mr Saunders has the right of appeal to the High Court within 28 days.

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