



# Avoiding Exclusion - Early Intervention

For many children at risk of exclusion, whether fixed term or permanent, there will usually be a number of warning signs such as frequent detentions, negative behaviour points, regular fixed term exclusions or refusals to go to school. As parents you need to recognise the signs of things going wrong and act as quickly as possible to prevent your child being excluded from school permanently.

If your child is at risk of exclusion or not enjoying school it means something is wrong. It might be something that could be fixed with the school. Or it might mean having to review whether the school is the right one for your child, sometimes it won't be and you may have to decide to move on or take the risk that the school will move your child on. The latter takes away yours' and your child's ability to take control of their education. It is important you and your child have control of their education!

A child at risk of exclusion may have unmet needs such as special educational needs. However this might not always be the case sometimes the school is not stretching your child's intellect enough. So what can you do if things don't seem to be going right? This is where early intervention comes in.

## What is early intervention

Early intervention refers to the steps you might need to take if your child is at risk of exclusion to prevent them receiving more exclusions or being permanently excluded.

## Why early intervention is important

Early intervention is important because unless you take action, your child is at risk of permanent exclusion, unauthorised absenteeism,