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School Exclusions

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Exclusion from school is when your child has been asked not to go into school for a period of time or at all. This is an external exclusion. Exclusion can also be where your child has to go into isolation at school. This is known as an internal exclusion.

A child can only be excluded for a breach of, (i.e. not following), the school's behaviour policy and it is reasonable and fair to exclude the child.

Only the head teacher /principal (or a person acting as a headteacher / principal) can exclude your child from school. If any other member of staff excludes your child this is unlawful.

The head teacher / principal must tell you in writing within a reasonable time of your child's exclusion, the reason for it and your rights to challenge it, if appropriate. If they fail to tell you in writing this is known as 'off rolling' and is not allowed.

The head teacher /principal must follow the statutory guidance on schools' exclusion when making any decision on exclusion. The statutory guidance gives information on the process the head-teacher/principal must follow. If the head teacher / principal fails to follow the process or the principles in the statutory guidance this could be a reason to challenge their decision.

what are the different types of exclusions

There are two main types of exclusion:

- fixed term – temporary – can be up to 45 days in a school year (from September to July)
- permanent