

Fixed Term Exclusion

Schools may exclude a pupil for one or more fixed term period not exceeding 45 school days in any one school year.

Exclusions should not be given for an unspecified period – this is an indefinite exclusion for which no legal arrangements exist.

Schools are obliged to provide education to the excluded child – so homework should be provided.

When a pupil is excluded for 15 school days or more, the excluding school should plan:

- how the pupils' education will continue
- how to address pupils problem/barriers to learning
- together with the LEA – arrange an reintegration programme

Lunchtime exclusion

Pupils whose behaviour at lunchtime is disruptive may be excluded from the school premises for the duration of the lunchtime period. Lunchtime exclusion is fixed term exclusion – the equivalent of one half-day exclusion, and parents/carers have the same right to be given information and to appeal.

Since 2002, all LEAs are committed to ensuring that all permanently excluded pupils receive full-time education, either at another school or, where necessary, making use of a Pupil Referral Unit or other alternative provision.