

Exclusions

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Exclusion

- The most recent statutory guidance regarding exclusion is: ‘Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England Statutory guidance for those with legal responsibilities in relation to exclusion’ (September 2017).
- It confirms the rights of Headteachers and pupils:

Headteachers: ‘The Government supports headteachers in using exclusion as a sanction where it is **warranted** ... and this must be on **disciplinary** grounds’

Pupils: ‘All children have a **right** to education’.

Headteachers have to balance these responsibilities.



Why Do Schools Exclude Children?

- It is well understood that exclusion disadvantages young people and puts them at further risk, i.e. academic progress hampered, increased antisocial behaviour, increased vulnerability and risk.
- However, exclusion can be used by the Headteacher 'where it is warranted' as a sanction for poor behaviour and where the school Behaviour Policy has been breached.
- Headteachers must take the child's circumstances into consideration before excluding as well as fully investigating the situation. This includes ensuring that 'reasonable adjustments' have been made regarding children with SEND.



Types of Exclusions

- **Permanent**
 - Used in response to a serious or persistent breaches of the school's Behaviour Policy
 - An acknowledgement the school has exhausted all available strategies, normally a last resort
- **Fixed Period**
 - Used in responses to breaches of school's Behaviour Policy
 - Used where lesser sanctions are considered inappropriate
 - Should be used for the shortest time necessary: Ofsted recommend up to 3 days
 - Pupils cannot be 'sent home': this is an unofficial exclusion. Exclusions must be officially recorded.



Headteachers must consider:



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- Whether on the **'balance of probabilities'** the pupil did what he/she is alleged to have done and what behaviour policies were breached;
- That their decision is **'lawful, reasonable, fair, rational and proportionate'**;
- Whether the correct procedures were followed in dealing with the matter **and** whether the Headteacher complied with the law and had regard to guidance in making the decision;
- the seriousness of the incident;
- the appropriateness of the length of the sanction;
- **'Whether allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education and welfare of the pupil or of others in the school'**;



Headteachers must consider

- Whether the exclusion is fair in relation to the treatment of any other pupils involved in the same incident;
- If there were any relevant previous breaches of the school's behaviour policy;
- What internal/external support and strategies have been provided by the school and for how long they were in place;
- Whether the pupil has any special educational needs and disabilities;
- Whether there are any mitigating circumstances e.g. being bullied or bereavement.

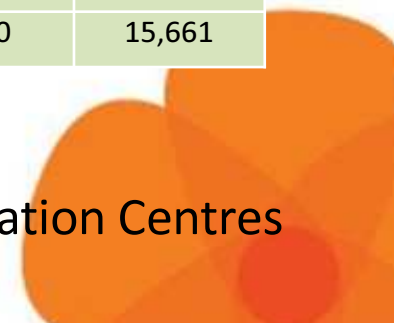


Exclusions: Data Overview

YEAR	NATIONAL		HAMPSHIRE			
	Permanent	% *	Permanent	% *	Fixed Period	Days Lost
06/07	8,680	0.12	168	0.10	12,704	37,007
07/08	8,130	0.11	152	0.09	11,144	26,219
08/09	6,550	0.09	118	0.07	10,271	23,498
09/10	5,740	0.08	73	0.04	8437	17,353
10/11	5,080	0.07	58	0.035	8684	18,187
11/12	5,170	0.07	66	0.04	7553	16,736
12/13	4,630	0.06	69	0.04	6311	12,999
13/14	4,950	0.06	48	0.03	6581	12,755
14/15	5,800	0.07	50	0.03	6789	12,998
15/16	6,685	0.08	49	0.03	7699	13,781
16/17	7,720	0.10	62	0.036	9188	15,843
17/18	Not available until Summer 2019		64	0.04	8800	15,661

*Percentage of total number of pupils on roll

Fixed period exclusions on this table include those from Education Centres



Hampshire Exclusion Statistics 2017/18

Number of Fixed Period Exclusions

Summary table	2017/18 Academic Year - Fixed Period Exclusions				
	Primary	Secondary	Special	Ed Centres	Totals
	No. Excl	No. Excl	No. Excl	No. Excl	No. Excls
B'stoke & D.	375	612	83	86	1156
Eastleigh	193	529	51	253	1026
New Forest	162	715	4	56	937
Test Valley	119	412	4	45	580
Winchester	206	438	4		648
Havant	318	580	147	175	1220
Fareham	96	328	161		585
Gosport	350	778		86	1214
E Hants	97	358	10		465
Hart	58	260			318
Rushmoor	111	373	2	165	651
Totals	2085	5383	466	866	7512



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Number of Permanent Exclusions

Summary table	2017/18 Academic Year - Permanent Exclusions			
	Primary	Secondary	Special	Totals
	No. Excl	No. Excl	No. Excl	No. Excls
B'stoke & D.	0	7	0	7
Eastleigh	0	2	0	2
New Forest	0	5	0	5
Test Valley	0	5	0	5
Winchester	0	3	0	3
Havant	0	9	0	9
Fareham	0	8	0	8
Gosport	1	15		16
E Hants	0	4	0	4
Hart	1	0		1
Rushmoor	0	4	0	4
Totals	2	62	0	64



Questions & discussion?

