

Permanent Exclusion

A Quick Reminder

- Decisions should be legal, reasonable and fair and in line with the DfE exclusion guidance.
- A permanent exclusion should only be taken in response to a serious breach or persistent breaches of the schools behaviour policy and where allowing the pupil to remain in school would seriously harm the education or welfare of others in the school.
- For serious breaches the school should demonstrate that a thorough investigation has been carried out and that the headteacher has taken into account any mitigating circumstances that may have caused a change in behaviour.
- For persistent breaches the school should demonstrate use of internal and external support over a sustained period of time, ensuring that it has exhausted its efforts in relation to any identified or unmet need.
- For all pupils and in particular a pupil who is identified in a vulnerable group, the panel should ensure that the school have exhausted all possible strategies to avoid a permanent exclusion.
- If as parents you don't believe the exclusion guidance was followed you can request an Independent Review.
- For more information visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion