

Education during an exclusion

It is important for schools to help minimise the disruption that exclusion can cause to an excluded pupil's education.

If the exclusion is five days or less

School will set and mark work during the exclusion period, work provided should be accessible and achievable by pupils outside of school.

If the exclusion is over five days but not permanent

The schools' Governing Board has a duty to arrange education from the sixth day of a fixed-period exclusion when this is triggered by consecutive fixed-period exclusion totalling more than five days, until the pupil returns to school. Whilst the statutory duty on governing bodies is to provide appropriate full-time education from day six of an exclusion until the fixed period ends, there is an obvious benefit in starting this provision as soon as possible. Where it is not possible, or appropriate, to arrange alternative provision during the first five school days of an exclusion, schools will still set and mark work for pupils and arrangements for education after day five will be made clear in a letter to you at least 48 hours before your child is due to attend.

If the exclusion is a permanent one

It is the Local Authority's responsibility to organise full time education from the sixth day of a permanent exclusion. A member of the Exclusion Team will contact you, usually by phone, to explain the process and next steps as soon as possible. The exclusion officer will give you the details of the alternative provision that your child will attend, including a name and contact number of someone at the school. You will be able to ask any questions you may have about the process of exclusion or the education of your child as the exclusion process is followed.

Provision does not have to be arranged by either the school or the local authority for a pupil in the final year of compulsory education, that is year 11, who does not have any further public examinations to sit.

Further guidance can be found by visiting:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/921405/20170831_Exclusion_Stat_guidance_Web_version.pdf