

# Flockton C of E (C) First School

ROOTED IN THE COMMUNITY BRANCHING INTO THE FUTURE

# Behaviour policy and statement of behaviour principles.

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"Your word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my way". Psalm 119:105 CIB

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# 1. Aims

This policy aims to:

- Align the School's Christian vision and values to behaviour within school.
- That Flockton CE (C) First School is a safe, caring environment where all can teach and learn in a happy atmosphere. Ensuring all staff and pupils can flourish and feel safe.
- All who are involved with our school show respect and consideration for others.
- Ensure school property and the property of those within school is respected and looked after.
- Everyone at Flockton CE (C) First School should take responsibility for making our school a happy place in which to work and learn.
- We all learn how to live together well as God intended.
- Ensure fairness and consistency throughout the school whilst recognising differences in age, ability and special educational needs.
- Provide a consistent approach to behaviour management
- Define what we consider to be unacceptable behaviour, including bullying and discrimination
- Summarise the roles and responsibilities of different people in the school community with regards to behaviour management.
- Outline our system of rewards and sanctions

# 2. Legislation and statutory requirements

This policy is based on advice from the Department for Education (DfE) on:

- Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff 2022
- Searching, screening and confiscation: advice for schools 2022
- The Equality Act 2010
- Keeping Children Safe in Education
- Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement 2023
- Use of reasonable force in schools

- Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school
- Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice

In addition, this policy is based on:

Section 175 of the Education Act 2002, which outlines a school's duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of its pupils

- Sections 88 to 94 of the <u>Education and Inspections Act 2006</u>, which requires schools to regulate pupils' behaviour and publish a behaviour policy and written statement of behaviour principles, and gives schools the authority to confiscate pupils' property
- DfE guidance explaining that maintained schools must publish their behaviour policy online

# 3. Definitions

Misbehaviour is defined as:

- Disruption in lessons, in corridors between lessons, and at break and lunchtimes
- Non-completion of classwork
- Poor attitude
- Using unkind words/actions or causing another child to be upset.

# Serious misbehaviour is defined as:

- Repeated breaches of the school rules
- Aggression towards staff or other pupils
- Damage to school property or building
- Disruption caused to the school, or lessons
- Repeatedly unable to follow instructions
- Putting themselves and others in danger.
- Leaving school premises
- Any form of bullying
- Sexual violence, such as rape, assault by penetration, or sexual assault (intentional sexual touching without consent)
- Sexual harassment, meaning unwanted conduct of a sexual nature, such as:
  - Sexual comments
  - Sexual jokes or taunting
  - Physical behaviour such as interfering with clothes
  - Online sexual harassment, such as unwanted sexual comments and messages (including on social media), sharing of nude or semi-nude images and/or videos, or sharing of unwanted explicit content
- Vandalism
- Theft
- Fighting

# Smoking

- Racist, sexist, homophobic or discriminatory behaviour
- Possession of any prohibited items. These are:
  - Knives or weapons
  - Alcohol
  - Illegal drugs
  - Stolen items
  - Tobacco and cigarette papers
  - E-cigarettes or vapes
  - Fireworks
  - Pornographic images
  - Any article a staff member reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil)

# 4. Bullying

**Bullying** is defined as the repetitive, intentional harming of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. (see our <u>Anti-Bullying Policy</u>)

Bullying is, therefore:

- Deliberately hurtful
- Repeated, often over a period of time
- Difficult to defend against

Bullying can include:

TYPE OF BULLYING	DEFINITION
Emotional	Being unfriendly, excluding, tormenting
Physical	Hitting, kicking, pushing, taking another's belongings, any use of violence
Prejudice-based and discriminatory, including:	Taunts, gestures, graffiti or physical abuse focused on a particular characteristic (e.g. gender, race, sexuality)
<ul> <li>Racial</li> <li>Faith-based</li> <li>Gendered (sexist)</li> <li>Homophobic/biphobic</li> <li>Transphobic</li> <li>Disability-based</li> </ul>	
Sexual	Explicit sexual remarks, display of sexual material, sexual gestures, unwanted physical attention, comments about sexual reputation or performance, or inappropriate touching
Direct or indirect verbal	Name-calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, teasing

TYPE OF BULLYING	DEFINITION
Cyber-bullying	Bullying that takes place online, such as through social networking sites, messaging apps or gaming sites

Details of our school's approach to preventing and addressing bullying are set out in our Anti-Bullying policy. Should you wish to report any incidents this can be done via email directly to the headteacher, by requesting a face to face meeting or by phone call. The headteacher or AHT will investigate all allegations of bullying. Reports of bullying will be reported to the Full Governors through the Head teacher's Report. All incidents of either bullying or behaviour will be recorded and monitored through CPOMs. Children are made aware of bullying through our comprehension PHSCE curriculum, through Collective Worships and Anti-Bullying week.

#### 5. Roles and responsibilities

#### 5.1 The governing board's responsibilities

The Governing Body is responsible for reviewing and approving the written statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1).

The Governing Body will also review this behaviour policy in conjunction with the headteacher and monitor the policy's effectiveness, holding the headteacher to account for its implementation.

#### 5.2 The headteacher's responsibilities

The headteacher is responsible for reviewing this behaviour policy in conjunction with the Governing Body giving due consideration to the school's statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1). The headteacher will also approve this policy.

The headteacher will ensure that the school environment encourages positive behaviour and that staff deal effectively with poor behaviour, and will monitor how staff implement this policy to ensure rewards and sanctions are applied consistently.

- Ensuring that all staff understand the behavioural expectations and the importance of maintaining them
- Providing new staff with a clear induction into the school's behavioural culture to ensure they understand its rules and routines, and how best to support all pupils to participate fully
- Offering appropriate training in behaviour management, and the impact of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and mental health needs on behaviour, to any staff who require it, so they can fulfil their duties set out in this policy
- Ensuring this policy works alongside the safeguarding policy to offer pupils both sanctions and support when necessary

#### 5.3 Staff & Teachers' responsibilities

Staff are responsible for:

- Creating a calm and safe environment for pupils
- Establishing and maintaining clear boundaries of acceptable pupil behaviour
- Implementing the behaviour policy consistently
- Communicating the school's expectations, routines, values and standards through teaching behaviour and in every interaction with pupils
- Modelling expected behaviour and positive relationships
- Providing a personalised approach to the specific behavioural needs of particular pupils

- Considering the impact of their own behaviour on the school culture and how they can uphold school rules and expectations
- Recording behaviour incidents promptly on CPOMS
- Challenging pupils to meet the school's expectations

The senior leadership team (SLT) will support staff in responding to behaviour incidents

# 5.4 Parents' and carers' responsibilities

Parents and carers, where possible, should:

- Get to know the school's behaviour policy and reinforce it at home where appropriate
- Support their child in adhering to the school's behaviour policy
- Inform the school of any changes in circumstances that may affect their child's behaviour
- Discuss any behavioural concerns with the class teacher promptly
- Take part in any pastoral work following misbehaviour (for example, attending reviews of specific behaviour interventions)
- Raise any concerns about the management of behaviour with the school directly, while continuing to work in partnership with the school
- Take part in the life of the school and its culture

The school will endeavour to build a positive relationship with parents and carers by keeping them informed about developments in their child's behaviour and the school's policy, and working in collaboration with them to tackle behavioural issues.

# 5.5. Pupil's responsibilities

Pupils will be made aware of the following during their induction into the behaviour culture:

- > The expected standard of behaviour they should be displaying at school
- > That they have a duty to follow the behaviour policy
- The school's key rules and routines
- The rewards they can earn for meeting the behaviour standards, and the consequences they will face if they don't meet the standards
- The pastoral support that is available to them to help them meet the behaviour standards

Pupils will be supported to meet the behaviour standards and will be provided with repeated induction sessions wherever appropriate.

Pupils will be supported to develop an understanding of the school's behaviour policy and wider culture.

Pupils will be asked to give feedback on their experience of the behaviour culture to support the evaluation, improvement and implementation of the behaviour policy.

Extra support and induction will be provided for pupils who are mid-phase arrivals.

# 5.6 Mobile phones

Occasionally pupils may bring mobile phones into school when they are perhaps walking home with their friends. If mobile phones please see following:

- Pupils must turn off their phone before arriving on-site
- Phones must be handed into to the school office.

Pupils can turn their phones on when they have left the school premises at the end of the day.

School will hold no responsibility to any lose or damage caused to mobile phones whilst on school site.

#### 6. Responding to behaviour

Pupils are expected to:

- Behave in an orderly and self-controlled way
- Show respect to members of staff and each other
- In class, make it possible for all pupils to learn
- Move quietly around the school
- Treat the school buildings and school property with respect
- Wear the correct uniform at all times
- Accept sanctions when given
- Refrain from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when outside school or online



Where appropriate and reasonable, adjustments may be made to routines within the curriculum to ensure all pupils can meet behavioural expectations in the curriculum.

#### 6.1 List of rewards for good behaviour

Whole School reward systems include:

- Certificates in Celebration Worship
- Verbal Praise (every intervention is an interaction)
- Friday Fine Dining
- Golden Tickets
- Lunchtime Award
- Munch
- Attendance award
- School council award
- Whole school behaviour system.
- Postcards home

#### 6.2 Behaviour chart

The Following behaviour chart was created by the school council. The children use this system or adapt it slightly for the age and stage of the class.

DOING THE RIGHT THING (all classes)

WHAT A STAR (all classes)

WARNING

STOP AND THINK (all classes)

A REWARD COLLECTION

Each class has their own variation of a reward chart – this is when pupils or the whole class can earn rewards to celebrate their good behaviour.

## 6.3 Consequences for misbehaviour

When a pupil's behaviour falls below the standard that can reasonably be expected of them, staff will respond in order to restore a calm and safe learning environment, and to prevent recurrence of misbehaviour.

Staff will endeavour to create a predictable environment by always challenging behaviour that falls short of the standards, and by responding in a consistent, fair and proportionate manner, so pupils know with certainty that misbehaviour will always be addressed.

De-escalation techniques can be used to help prevent further behaviour issues arising, such as the use of pre-arranged scripts and phrases.

All pupils will be treated equitably under the policy, with any factors that contributed to the behavioural incident identified and taken into account.

When giving behaviour sanctions, staff will also consider what support could be offered to a pupil to help them to meet behaviour standards in the future.

#### Where sanctions for misbehaviour are given they could include any of the following:

- A verbal reprimand and reminder of the expectations of behaviour
- Expecting work to be completed at break or lunchtime
- Detention at break or lunchtime.
- Loss of privileges
- Referring the pupil to a senior member of staff
- Letter or phone call home to parents/carers
- Agreeing a behaviour chart
- Opportunities for pupils to reflect on their behaviour and for staff to investigate pupils' actions.
- Removal of the pupil from the classroom
- Suspension
- Permanent exclusion, in the most serious of circumstances

Personal circumstances of the pupil will be considered when choosing sanctions and decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis, but with regard to the impact on perceived fairness.

Occasionally some behaviours sit outside our 'Stop and Think' system and other sanctions may need to be put in place such as: Support Plans or Behaviour charts. If poor behaviour is shown in After school clubs a child may be removed from the club. Wrap around care behaviour expections are set out in the terms and conditions.

Children with additional social and emotional needs may require additional support and referral to SENCO.

#### Sanctions beyond this point are covered in the Exclusions Policy (see appendix 1).

#### 6.4 Safeguarding

The school recognises that changes in behaviour may be an indicator that a pupil is in need of help or protection.

We will consider whether a pupil's misbehaviour may be linked to them suffering, or being likely to suffer, significant harm.

Where this may be the case, we will follow our child protection and safeguarding policy, and consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate

## 6.5 Reasonable force

Reasonable force covers a range of interventions that involve physical contact with pupils. All members of staff have a duty to use reasonable force, in the following circumstances, to prevent a pupil from:

- Causing disorder
- Hurting themselves or others
- Damaging property
- Committing an offence

Incidents of reasonable force must:

- Always be used as a last resort
- Be applied using the minimum amount of force and for the minimum amount of time possible
- Be used in a way that maintains the safety and dignity of all concerned
- Never be used as a form of punishment
- Follow the positive handling policy

When considering using reasonable force, staff should, in considering the risks, carefully recognise any specific vulnerabilities of the pupil, including SEND, mental health needs or medical conditions.

## 6.6 Zero-tolerance approach to sexual harassment and sexual violence

The school will ensure that all incidents of sexual harassment and/or violence are met with a suitable response, and never ignored. (see child-on-child abuse policy)

Pupils are encouraged to report anything that makes them uncomfortable, no matter how 'small' they feel it might be.

The school's response will be:

- Proportionate
- Considered
- Supportive
- Decided on a case-by-case basis

The school has procedures in place to respond to any allegations or concerns regarding a child's safety or wellbeing. These include clear processes for:

- Responding to a report
- Carrying out risk assessments, where appropriate, to help determine whether to:
  - Manage the incident internally
  - Refer to early help
  - Refer to children's social care
  - Report to the police

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy for more information

#### 6.7 Off-site behaviour

Sanctions may be applied where a pupil has misbehaved off-site when representing the school. This means misbehaviour when the pupil is:

- Taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity (e.g. school trips)
- Travelling to or from school

Wearing school uniform

In any other way identifiable as a pupil of our school

Sanctions may also be applied where a pupil has misbehaved off-site, at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, if the misbehaviour:

- Could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- Poses a threat to another pupil
- Could adversely affect the reputation of the school

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of a staff member (e.g. on a school-organised trip).

## 7.8 Online misbehaviour

The school can issue behaviour sanctions to pupils for online misbehaviour when:

- It poses a threat or causes harm to another pupil
- It could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school
- It adversely affects the reputation of the school
- The pupil is identifiable as a member of the school

Sanctions will only be given out on school premises or elsewhere when the pupil is under the lawful control of a staff member.

## 7.9 Suspected criminal behaviour

If a pupil is suspected of criminal behaviour, the school will make an initial assessment of whether to report the incident to the police.

When establishing the facts, the school will endeavour to preserve any relevant evidence to hand over to the police.

If a decision is made to report the matter to the police, the headteacher will make the report.

The school will not interfere with any police action taken. However, the school may continue to follow its own investigation procedure and enforce sanctions, as long as it does not conflict with police action.

If a report to the police is made, the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) will make a tandem report to children's social care, if appropriate.

#### 6.8 Malicious allegations

Where a pupil makes an allegation against a member of staff and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the school will discipline the pupil in accordance with this policy.

Where a pupil makes an allegation of sexual violence or sexual harassment against another pupil and that allegation is shown to have been deliberately invented or malicious, the school will discipline the pupil in accordance with this policy.

In all cases where an allegation is determined to be unsubstantiated, unfounded, false or malicious, the school (in collaboration with the local authority designated officer, where relevant) will consider whether the pupil who made the allegation is in need of help, or the allegation may have been a cry for help. If so, a referral to children's social care may be appropriate.

The school will also consider the pastoral needs of staff and pupils accused of misconduct.

Please refer to our child protection and safeguarding policy, allegations against staff: and statement of procedures for dealing with allegations of abuse against staff for more information on responding to allegations of abuse against staff or other pupils.

#### 6.9 Reasonable force

Reasonable force covers a range of interventions that involve physical contact with pupils. All members of staff have a duty to use reasonable force, in the following circumstances, to prevent a pupil from:

- Causing disorder
- Hurting themselves or others
- Damaging property
- Committing an offence

Incidents of reasonable force must:

- Always be used as a last resort
- Be applied using the minimum amount of force and for the minimum amount of time possible
- Be used in a way that maintains the safety and dignity of all concerned

Never be used as a form of punishment

When considering using reasonable force, staff should, in considering the risks, carefully recognise any specific vulnerabilities of the pupil, including SEND, mental health needs or medical conditions.

## 7 Confiscation and searching

Searching and confiscation is conducted in line with the DfE's <u>latest guidance on searching</u>, <u>screening and</u> <u>confiscation</u>.

#### Confiscation

Any prohibited items (listed in section 3) found in a pupil's possession as a result of a search will be confiscated. These items will not be returned to the pupil.

We will also confiscate any item that is harmful or detrimental to school discipline. These items will be returned to pupils after discussion with senior leaders and parents/carers, if appropriate.

#### Searching a pupil

Searches will only be carried out by a member of staff who has been authorised to do so by the headteacher, or by the headteacher themselves.

Subject to the exception below, the authorised member of staff carrying out the search will be of the same sex as the pupil, and there will be another member of staff present as a witness to the search.

An authorised member of staff of a different sex to the pupil can carry out a search without another member of staff as a witness if:

- The authorised member of staff carrying out the search reasonably believes there is risk that serious harm will be caused to a person if the search is not carried out as a matter of urgency; **and**
- In the time available, it is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out by a member of staff who is the same sex as the pupil; **or**
- It is not reasonably practicable for the search to be carried out in the presence of another member of staff

When an authorised member of staff conducts a search without a witness, they should immediately report this to another member of staff, and make sure a written record of the search is kept.

If the authorised member of staff considers a search to be necessary, but is not required urgently, they will seek the advice of the headteacher, designated safeguarding lead (or deputy) who may have more information about the pupil. During this time the pupil will be supervised and kept away from other pupils.

A search can be carried out if the authorised member of staff has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil is in possession of a prohibited item or any item identified in the school rules for which a search can be made, or if the pupil has agreed.

An appropriate location for the search will be found. Where possible, this will be away from other pupils. The search will only take place on the school premises or where the member of staff has lawful control or charge of the pupil, for example on a school trip.

Before carrying out a search the authorised member of staff will:

- Assess whether there is an urgent need for a search
- Assess whether not doing the search would put other pupils or staff at risk
- Consider whether the search would pose a safeguarding risk to the pupil
- Explain to the pupil why they are being searched
- Explain to the pupil what a search entails e.g. "I will ask you to turn out your pockets and remove your scarf"
- Explain how and where the search will be carried out
- Give the pupil the opportunity to ask questions
- Seek the pupil's co-operation

If the pupil refuses to agree to a search, the member of staff can give an appropriate behaviour sanction.

If they still refuse to co-operate, the member of staff will contact the SLT to try to determine why the pupil is refusing to comply.

The authorised member of staff will then decide whether to use reasonable force to search the pupil. This decision will be made on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration whether conducting the search will prevent the pupil harming themselves or others, damaging property or causing disorder.

The authorised member of staff can use reasonable force to search for any prohibited items identified in section 3, but not to search for items that are only identified in the school rules.

An authorised member of staff may search a pupil's outer clothing, pockets, possessions, desk or locker.

'Outer clothing' includes:

- Any item of clothing that isn't worn wholly next to the skin or immediately over underwear (e.g. a jumper or jacket being worn over a t-shirt)
- Hats, scarves, gloves, shoes or boots

#### Searching pupils' possessions

Possessions means any items that the pupil has or appears to have control of, including:

- Desks
- Lockers
- Bags

A pupil's possessions can be searched for any item if the pupil agrees to the search. If the pupil does not agree to the search, staff can still carry out a search for prohibited items (listed in section 3) and items identified in the school rules.

An authorised member of staff can search a pupil's possessions when the pupil and another member of staff are present.

If there is a serious risk of harm if the search is not conducted immediately, or it is not reasonably practicable to summon another member of staff, the search can be carried out by a single authorised member of staff.

# Informing the designated safeguarding lead (DSL)

The staff member who carried out the search should inform the DSL without delay:

- Of any incidents where the member of staff had reasonable grounds to suspect a pupil was in possession of a prohibited item as listed in section 3
- If they believe that a search has revealed a safeguarding risk

All searches for prohibited items (listed in section 3), including incidents where no items were found, will be recorded in the school's safeguarding system.

#### Informing parents/carers

Parents/carers will always be informed of any search for a prohibited item (listed in section 3). A member of staff will tell the parents/carers as soon as is reasonably practicable:

- What happened
- What was found, if anything
- What has been confiscated, if anything
- What action the school has taken, including any sanctions that have been applied to their child

#### Support after a search

Irrespective of whether any items are found as the result of any search, the school will consider whether the pupil may be suffering or likely to suffer harm and whether any specific support is needed (due to the reasons for the search, the search itself, or the outcome of the search).

If this is the case, staff will follow the school's safeguarding policy and speak to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL). The DSL will consider whether pastoral support, an early help intervention or a referral to children's social care is appropriate.

#### 8.4 Pupil support

The school recognises its legal duty under the Equality Act 2010 to prevent pupils with a protected characteristic from being at a disadvantage. Consequently, our approach to challenging behaviour may be differentiated to cater to the needs of the pupil.

The school's special educational needs co-ordinator will evaluate a pupil who exhibits challenging behaviour to determine whether they have any underlying needs that are not currently being met.

Where necessary, support and advice will also be sought from specialist teachers, external agencies, an educational psychologist, medical practitioners and/or others for example, to identify or support specific needs. We will also work in liaison with parents.

Linked guidance: Supporting the behaviour of pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs.

#### 8. Serious sanctions

#### 8.1 Suspension and permanent exclusion

The school can use suspension and permanent exclusion in response to serious incidents or in response to persistent poor behaviour which has not improved following in-school sanctions and interventions.

The decision to suspend or exclude will be made by the headteacher and only as a last resort. Behaviours for suspension or exclusion are listed in the exclusions policy

Please refer to our exclusions policy for more information.

#### 9. Pupil transition

To ensure a smooth transition to the next class, pupils have transition sessions with their new teacher(s). In addition, staff members hold transition meetings.

To ensure behaviour is continually monitored and the right support is in place, information related to pupil behaviour issues may be transferred to relevant staff at the start of the term or year.

# 10. Training

Our staff are provided with training on managing behaviour, including proper use of restraint, as part of their induction process. The last training was held on Nov 2018.

Behaviour management will also form part of continuing professional development.

#### 11. Monitoring arrangements

This behaviour policy and the written statement of behaviour principles (appendix 1) will be reviewed by the headteacher and FGB. At each review, the policy will be approved by the headteacher.

## 12. Links with other policies

This behaviour policy is linked to the following policies:

- Exclusions policy
- Child protection and safeguarding policy
- Child-on-child abuse policy
- Online safety policy
- KCSIE

Anti-Bullying Policy

Appendix 1: written statement of behaviour principles

- Every pupil understands they have the right to feel safe, valued and respected, and learn free from the disruption of others
- All pupils, staff and visitors are free from any form of discrimination
- Staff and volunteers set an excellent example to pupils at all times
- Rewards, sanctions and reasonable force are used consistently by all staff, in line with the Behaviour Policy
- The Behaviour Policy is understood by pupils and staff
- The exclusions policy explains that exclusions will only be used as a last resort, and outlines the processes involved in permanent and fixed-term exclusions
- Pupils are helped to take responsibility for their actions
- Families are involved in behaviour incidents to foster good relationships between the school and pupils' home life

The governing board also emphasises that violence or threatening behaviour will not be tolerated in any circumsta

# Appendix 2: Fixed Term Exclusion Procedures

**Decision:** Head Teacher, acting Head Teacher takes the decision to exclude a pupil for a fixed term exclusion

**Contact parent:** the Head Teacher should ensure that a parent/carer has been contacted immediately, ideally by telephone and is available, if appropriate, to arrange collection and supervision of the pupil. The child's welfare must always be the prime consideration

**Duration of exclusion:** pupils can be excluded for one or more fixed term exclusions, which when aggregated, do not exceed 45 school days or 90 sessions in any one school year. A lunch time exclusion counts as 1 session and counts towards the total 90 sessions.

- 1. **Lunchtime external exclusion:** pupils who are disruptive during the lunch time may be excluded just for the duration of the lunch time. Lunchtime exclusions will count as half a day for statistical purposes and for parents/carers to be able to make representations to governors but are not counted in the schools 6th day duty to provide full-time education.
- 2. **Exclusion during the morning session**: the exclusion takes effect from the afternoon session, notice must be given to the parents/carers before the start of the afternoon session
- 3. **Exclusion during the afternoon session**: if the exclusion takes effect from the next school day, notice must be given to the parents/carers before the start of that school day. If the exclusion takes place from that afternoon, the notice must be given at the end of the afternoon session

Written notice: the Head Teacher must give a written notice to the parents/carers informing them of:

- the precise period and reason for the exclusion;
- the parents/carers duties during the first 5 days of the exclusion;
- the parents/carers right to make representation to the governing body and how the pupil may be involved in this;
- the person the parents/carers should contact if they wish to make such representation;

• the arrangements made by the school to set and mark work for the pupil during the initial 5 school days of the exclusion;

• if relevant, the school day on which the pupil be provided with full-time education

# Educational Provision during the exclusion:

For the first 5 days the school should set work and make arrangements for it to be marked

The school has a duty to arrange suitable full-time educational provision from and including the 6th consecutive day of the exclusion

Where a 'Looked After' child is excluded provision should be in place from the 1st day of the exclusion

**Reintegration meeting:** the head teacher or a senior member of staff should arrange and conduct a reintegration interview with a parent/carer and the pupil at the end of the exclusion at a date and time convenient for the parent on school premises. The notice for the reintegration interview must be given no later than 6 school days before the date of the interview (it can be combined with the notice of the exclusion). If the parent fails to attend, the school must keep a record of the failure as well as any explanation given as it can be a factor taken into account in the Magistrate's Court when deciding whether to impose a parenting order.

Primary: School must offer a reintegration interview after any exclusion

**Governors**: the Head Teacher must inform the governing body if a pupil is being excluded for more than 15 school days in any one term. For exclusions of more than 15 school days in one term (or which brings the pupils total number of days of exclusion to more than 15 in one term) governors must convene a meeting between the 6th and 15th school day after the date of receipt of notice.

**Parents:** If the school or the LA considers that parental influence could be brought to bear in the behaviour of the pupil, a parenting contract may be offered. If the parent fails to engage with the school or LA in attempting to improve the child's behaviour, the school or LA may consider applying to the Magistrates Court to compel the parent/carer to comply with certain requirements. See related guidance.

## **Exclusion Process in Kirklees:**

**September 2017 statutory guidance**: Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England.

26. Whenever a head teacher excludes a pupil they must, without delay, notify parents of the period of the exclusion and the reason(s) for it.

40. The head teacher must, without delay, notify the governing board and the local authority of:

• any permanent exclusion (including where a fixed-period exclusion is followed by a decision to permanently exclude the pupil);

The Pupil Referral Service (Exclusions) request that schools complete the Permanent Exclusion Notification Form (**See PRS website**) and send to the Local Authority on the day the parent is notified. The Day 6 providers need time to plan & risk assess the placement.

Туре	Notify parent/carer	Notify LA & governors	Governors to meet	Decisions open to the governors	Notification of outcome of GRM
Permanent	Immediately by phone, followed by a letter within one school day. Model Letter on the PRS website	*Within one school day. <i>Form:</i> <i>Permanent</i> <i>Exclusion</i> <i>Notification</i> <i>Form</i>	Between 6th & 15th school day after receiving notice of the exclusion.	Uphold the exclusion or direct reinstatement immediately or by a particular date.	In writing within 1 school day of the hearing. Relevant paperwork should be recorded in the pupil's file for future reference. Model Letter on PRS website

Included in the current Notification Form is the following request:

**Information for Fair Access Panel:** Following the Alternative Provision placement the child will be allocated a new school in line with Kirklees Fair Access procedures. Please could you collate further information around the two areas below:

Attainment and progress (this could be the last school report)

Personal development, Behaviour and Welfare (this will vary within each school but might include personalised plans for the child (MSP), summary of behaviour to date etc.)

It is not envisaged a school should need to create the additional information, merely forward the data currently held on the child. The focus of this request is to support the 'new' school with the additional and learning needs of the child.

This additional information should be shared via Anycomms Link:

https://sst.kirklees.gov.uk/Login

Upload to a Service – Fixed Term Exclusion