

Parent/carer Guide to permanent exclusion – Frequently Asked Questions

<p>What is the process for permanently excluding a child from school?</p>	<p>Schools must follow government guidance School suspensions and permanent exclusions - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) . This guidance sets out who can exclude, what they must consider, how parents are notified, process for review and who is responsible for providing education after a permanent exclusion.</p> <p>If a child has an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) the guidance recommends that a review of the plan is arranged before a decision to permanently exclude is made.</p>
<p>What happens when my child is permanently excluded?</p>	<p>The headteacher should inform you right away, followed by a formal letter stating the date of the exclusion, the reason, and arrangements for review of the decision. The headteacher must also inform the Local Authority so that arrangements can be made for your child’s continuing education. If your child has a Child in Need/Child Protection Plan or is a Child Looked After the headteacher must also inform your child’s social worker and the Local Authority Virtual School Head.</p> <p>The school will arrange for a meeting of the school governors’ pupil discipline committee to review the headteacher’s decision. The review will take place within 15 school days of the date of the permanent exclusion. This will be your opportunity to challenge the exclusion and put your case forward. The school will contact you to arrange a suitable date and time.</p>
<p>Who is responsible for my child’s education after a permanent exclusion?</p>	<p>The school is responsible for providing education for the first 5 days following a permanent exclusion.</p> <p>The Local Authority (LA) is responsible for providing full time education for your child from the 6th day of a permanent exclusion. The Pupil Inclusion Team, part of the LA’s Education Service, will inform you of the arrangements that will be made for your child’s education.</p> <p>Wigan Local Authority’s commissioned provider of education for permanently excluded pupils is Three Towers Alternative Provision Academy Three Towers Alternative Provision Academy: Welcome to Three Towers Alternative Provision Academy (tapa.net).</p>
<p>Can a permanent exclusion be withdrawn?</p>	<p>The headteacher can withdraw a permanent exclusion that has not been reviewed by the governors, providing that the pupil has not already been suspended for 45 days in the current academic year. If a permanent exclusion is withdrawn the pupil must be allowed to return to school without delay.</p> <p>Once the governors’ pupil discipline committee has considered a permanent exclusion it cannot be withdrawn.</p>
<p>Can I apply for a new school?</p>	<p>You have the right to apply for a place at another school. However, the School Admissions Code 2021 states that mainstream schools are not obliged to offer a place to a child with challenging behaviour where they are of the opinion that this would ‘prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of</p>

	<p>resources', even if they have a vacancy School admissions code 2021 (publishing.service.gov.uk).</p> <p>If your child has been permanently excluded for a 'one off serious offence' and the headteacher of the excluding school recommends early reintegration to another mainstream school, you may be invited to apply for a place using the LA Fair Access Protocol.</p>
<p>How long will by child attend Alternative Provision?</p>	<p>Where a pupil is permanently excluded for 'persistent disruptive behaviour' or following a serious incident where the headteacher does not recommend early reintegration to another school your child will attend short-term alternative provision. The LA's commissioned provider will undertake assessments and take a multi-agency approach to determine the length of intervention most appropriate and suitable next steps for your child.</p>
<p>Where can I get advice about permanent exclusion from school?</p>	<p>Wigan Council Pupil Inclusion Team Exclusions from school (wigan.gov.uk) PupilInclusion@wigan.gov.uk Tel 01942 489013</p> <p>Coram's Child Law Advice service can be accessed through their website https://childlawadvice.org.uk/information-pages/school-exclusion or contacted on 0300 330 5485 from Monday to Friday, 8am – 6pm.</p> <p>ACE education run a limited service and can be reached on 0300 0115 142 on Monday to Wednesday from 10am to 1pm during term time. Information can be found on the website: http://www.ace-ed.org.uk</p> <p>Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (known as IPSEA – www.ipsea.org.uk) is a registered charity. It offers free and independent information, advice, and support to help get the right education for children and young people with all kinds of special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities.</p> <p>SEN Information Advice & Support Services Network (formerly known as the local parent partnership) Wigan SENDIASS Telephone 01942 233323 Email: info@wigansendiass.co.uk</p>
<p>Where can I get support for my child and family?</p>	<p>Support services for 0-19's (wigan.gov.uk) 01942 828300 Children and Young Persons - Family Welfare 01942 867888 Problems at school How To Deal With Problems At School YoungMinds Kooth – online mental wellbeing community for young people Home - Kooth</p>