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Exclusions from school

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The headteacher of a school or academy can take a decision to exclude a pupil from the school for a fixed period of days or permanently.

This applies to maintained nursery schools, primary schools, secondary schools, nursery classes and sixth forms.

Academies may have procedures which vary from those described here, you can find out more information from individual academies.

Types of exclusions

There are two kinds of exclusion:

- Fixed period - when a pupil is not allowed in school for a fixed amount of time (including exclusions over lunch time)
- Permanent - when a child is permanently barred from the school premises and their name removed from the school roll

Alternative education arrangements and procedures for challenging the exclusion will depend on the type of exclusion.

Your child **cannot attend** their school during any period of exclusion.

Children in public places during suspension

If your child is found in a public place during normal school hours during the first five school days of exclusion then you may be prosecuted or given a fixed penalty notice.

It is **your responsibility** to ensure that your child is not in a public place during any exclusion.

Further advice and guidance

If you need advice, please contact education inclusion officer on: exclusionsfromschool@blackpool.gov.uk

Please also read the document below for advice and guidance

Exclusions from school [PDF 452 KB]

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