

Pupil suspension and exclusion codes

Pupil suspension and exclusion reasons - updated November 2024.

Not to be used for nursery schools.

Code	Description	Includes
BU	Bullying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal, physical, cyber bullying or threatening behaviour online racist bullying sexual bullying homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying bullying related to disability
DA	Drug and alcohol related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> possession of illegal drugs inappropriate use of prescribed drugs drug dealing smoking alcohol abuse substance abuse
DB	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> challenging behaviour disobedience persistent violation of school rules raising of fire alarms falsely
DM	Damage to property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> damage includes damage to school or personal property belonging to any member of the school community vandalism arson graffiti
DS	Abuse relating to disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> derogatory statements or swearing about a disability bullying related to disability disability related graffiti disability related taunting and harassment
LG	Abuse against sexual orientation and gender identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> derogatory statements about sexual orientation (e.g. heterosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual) and gender identity (e.g. transgender) homophobic, bi-phobic and transphobic bullying LGBT+ graffiti LGBT+ taunting and harassment swearing that can be attributed to LGBT+ characteristics
MT	Inappropriate use of social media or online technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sharing of inappropriate images (of adult or pupil) cyber bullying or threatening behaviour online organising or facilitating criminal behaviour using social media

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OW	Use or threat of use of an offensive weapon or prohibited item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> carrying or bringing onto the school site an offensive weapon / prohibited item such as knives, sharp instruments and BB guns, carrying any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage to property use of an offensive weapon
PA	Physical assault against an adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> violent behaviour wounding obstruction and jostling
PH	Wilful and repeated transgression of protective measures in place to protect public health	<p>Deliberate breaching of protective measures such as (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> non-compliance with social distancing causing distress such as through purposefully coughing very near to other pupils or adults or any other deliberate breach of public health protective measures which the school has adopted.
PP	Physical assault against a pupil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fighting violent behaviour wounding obstruction and jostling
RA	Racist abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> racist taunting and harassment derogatory racist statements swearing that can be attributed to racist characteristics racist bullying racist graffiti
SM	Sexual misconduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> sexual abuse sexual assault sexual harassment lewd behaviour sexual bullying sexual graffiti
TH	Theft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stealing school property stealing personal property (pupil or adult) stealing from local shops on a school outing selling and dealing in stolen property
VA	Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> threatened violence aggressive behaviour swearing verbal intimidation
VP	Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> threatened violence aggressive behaviour swearing verbal intimidation

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