Exclusions and suspension guidance for schools

1- Informal suspensions and exclusions



What are informal or unofficial suspensions?

Informal or unofficial suspensions, such as sending pupils home "to cool off," are **unlawful**, even if parents agree to them.

Common misconceptions

These suspensions often stem from misinterpretations of Department for Education (DfE) guidance.

They can occur during situations like:

- Pupil conduct issues at reintegration meetings following fixed-term suspensions.
- Situations involving students with SEND.

Internal inclusions

- Moving a pupil to an alternative room on the school site for disciplinary reasons is referred to as an internal inclusion.
- They are not considered part of the statutory exclusion framework.
- Schools are **not required to inform the local authority** about these measures.

Why is this important?

- Adhering to lawful processes ensures:
- Fair treatment for all pupils.
- Consistency across schools in the London Borough of Hillingdon.
- Compliance with the Department for Education's guidelines.

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