

NATIONAL STANDARD LIST OF REASONS FOR EXCLUSION

The DCSF has produced a national standard list of reasons to be used when reporting an exclusion. The 12 categories should cover the main reasons for exclusions and the 'other' category should be used sparingly. The further details suggesting what the descriptors cover should be used as a guide and are not intended to be used as a tick list for exclusions.

Physical assault against pupil

Includes:

- fighting
- violent behaviour
- wounding
- obstruction and jostling

Physical assault against adult

Includes:

- violent behaviour
- wounding
- obstruction and jostling

Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against pupil

Includes:

- threatened violence
- aggressive behaviour
- swearing
- homophobic abuse and harassment
- verbal intimidation
- carrying an offensive weapon

Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against adult

Includes:

- threatened violence
- aggressive behaviour
- swearing
- homophobic abuse and harassment
- verbal intimidation
- carrying an offensive weapon

Bullying

Includes:

- verbal
- physical
- homophobic bullying
- racist bullying

Racist abuse

Includes:

- racist taunting and harassment
- derogatory racist statements
- swearing that can be attributed to racist characteristics
- racist bullying
- racist graffiti

Sexual misconduct

Includes:

- sexual abuse
- sexual assault
- sexual harassment
- lewd behaviour
- sexual bullying
- sexual graffiti

Drug & Alcohol related

Includes:

- possession of illegal drugs
- inappropriate use of prescribed drugs
- drug dealing
- smoking
- alcohol abuse
- substance abuse

Damage

Includes damage to school or personal property belonging to any member of the school community:

- vandalism
- arson
- graffiti

Theft

Includes:

- stealing school property
- stealing personal property (pupil or adult)
- stealing from local shops on a school outing
- selling and dealing in stolen property

Persistent disruptive behaviour

Includes:

- challenging behaviour
- disobedience
- persistent violation of school rules

Other

Includes incidents which are not covered by the categories above but this category should be used sparingly.