

Exclusion Policy – Coronavirus Addendum

This addendum was updated on Thursday 4 June 2020 and will be updated regularly in line with Local Authority and National guidance regarding the COVID-19 outbreak within the United Kingdom.

The DfE has published [statutory guidance](#) on changes to school exclusions during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The [new regulations](#) change some of the procedures that must be followed in relation to an exclusion, to give greater flexibility to schools, parents and local authorities during the COVID-19 outbreak. They apply to all maintained schools, academies, including alternative provision academies but excluding 16 to 19 academies, and pupil referral units.

The arrangements come into force on Monday 1 June 2020 and will apply to all exclusions occurring from then until Thursday 24 September 2020 (inclusive of those dates). The arrangements also apply to:

- permanent and fixed term exclusions occurring before 1 June which have not yet been considered by the governing board or trust board
- permanent exclusions occurring before 1 June which have been considered by the governing board or trust board, if they have chosen not to reinstate the pupil and the time limit to apply for a review of this decision has not passed
- permanent exclusions occurring before 1 June where a parent (or pupil aged 18) has requested a review of a governing board's decision, but this has not yet happened

The guidance covers remote access meetings, timescales, different types of exclusion and timescales for independent reviews.