# Exclusions Policy

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Discovery Educational Trust and its Schools place reliance on Department for Education (DfE) guidance.

The most recent guidance was published in June 2026 and is effective from 26 July 2026:

**Suspension and permanent exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England, including pupil movement**

*Statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England*

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https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-suspensions-and-permanent-exclusions

Note for parents/carers:

The DfE has published guidance for parents and carers, which came into effect from 1 September 2023 – A guide for parents on school behaviour and exclusion (DfE May 2023).

This document and both of the above links are available on the Trust and individual School websites.