

Exclusion from school – new guidance

September 2007 the Education and Inspections Act September 2007 made some significant changes to the way Governing Bodies and Schools handled exclusion. Below is an outline of the main changes set out in *'Improving Behaviour and Attendance – Guidance on Exclusion from Schools and Pupils referral units '(September 2007)*

- Responsibility of governing body for discipline
- Determination by head teacher of behaviour policy
- Enforcement of disciplinary penalties
- Power of members of staff to use force
- Parenting contracts and orders – no longer need to be triggered by an exclusion
- Exclusions related sections

Exclusions sections – from September 2007

- Parents to be legally responsible for whereabouts of child during days 1-5 of any exclusion – with £50 penalty notice if child found in a public place without reasonable justification
- Schools must arrange full-time education from day 6 of any period of fixed period exclusion of 6 days or longer – normally off site
- Local authorities must arrange full-time education from day 6 of any permanent exclusion
- Head teachers must arrange reintegration interviews following fixed period exclusions – failure to attend will be taken into account by courts when considering a parenting order.

The full guidance is available at:

<http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/behaviour/exclusion/>

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