

## Pupil suspension and exclusion codes

Pupil suspension and exclusion reasons - updated November 2024.

Not to be used for nursery schools.

Code	Description	Includes
BU	Bullying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verbal, physical, cyber bullying or threatening behaviour online</li> <li>• racist bullying</li> <li>• sexual bullying</li> <li>• homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying</li> <li>• bullying related to disability</li> </ul>
DA	Drug and alcohol related	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• possession of illegal drugs</li> <li>• inappropriate use of prescribed drugs</li> <li>• drug dealing</li> <li>• smoking</li> <li>• alcohol abuse</li> <li>• substance abuse</li> </ul>
DB	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• challenging behaviour</li> <li>• disobedience</li> <li>• persistent violation of school rules</li> <li>• raising of fire alarms falsely</li> </ul>
DM	Damage to property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• damage includes damage to school or personal property belonging to any member of the school community</li> <li>• vandalism</li> <li>• arson</li> <li>• graffiti</li> </ul>
DS	Abuse relating to disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• derogatory statements or swearing about a disability</li> <li>• bullying related to disability</li> <li>• disability related graffiti</li> <li>• disability related taunting and harassment</li> </ul>
LG	Abuse against sexual orientation and gender identity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• derogatory statements about sexual orientation (e.g. heterosexual, lesbian, gay, bisexual) and gender identity (e.g. transgender)</li> <li>• homophobic, bi-phobic and transphobic bullying</li> <li>• LGBT+ graffiti</li> <li>• LGBT+ taunting and harassment</li> <li>• swearing that can be attributed to LGBT+ characteristics</li> </ul>
MT	Inappropriate use of social media or online technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sharing of inappropriate images (of adult or pupil)</li> <li>• cyber bullying or threatening behaviour online</li> <li>• organising or facilitating criminal behaviour using social media</li> </ul>

Code	Description	Includes
OW	Use or threat of use of an offensive weapon or prohibited item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• carrying or bringing onto the school site an offensive weapon / prohibited item such as knives, sharp instruments and BB guns,</li> <li>• carrying any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage to property</li> <li>• use of an offensive weapon</li> </ul>
PA	Physical assault against an adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• violent behaviour</li> <li>• wounding</li> <li>• obstruction and jostling</li> </ul>
PH	Wilful and repeated transgression of protective measures in place to protect public health	<p>Deliberate breaching of protective measures such as (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• non-compliance with social distancing causing distress such as through purposefully coughing very near to other pupils or adults</li> <li>• or any other deliberate breach of public health protective measures which the school has adopted.</li> </ul>
PP	Physical assault against a pupil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fighting</li> <li>• violent behaviour</li> <li>• wounding</li> <li>• obstruction and jostling</li> </ul>
RA	Racist abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• racist taunting and harassment</li> <li>• derogatory racist statements</li> <li>• swearing that can be attributed to racist characteristics</li> <li>• racist bullying</li> <li>• racist graffiti</li> </ul>
SM	Sexual misconduct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sexual abuse</li> <li>• sexual assault</li> <li>• sexual harassment</li> <li>• lewd behaviour</li> <li>• sexual bullying</li> <li>• sexual graffiti</li> </ul>
TH	Theft	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stealing school property</li> <li>• stealing personal property (pupil or adult)</li> <li>• stealing from local shops on a school outing</li> <li>• selling and dealing in stolen property</li> </ul>
VA	Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• threatened violence</li> <li>• aggressive behaviour</li> <li>• swearing</li> <li>• verbal intimidation</li> </ul>
VP	Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• threatened violence</li> <li>• aggressive behaviour</li> <li>• swearing</li> <li>• verbal intimidation</li> </ul>

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