

DfE pupil suspension or exclusion reasons and codes

The table below provides a full set of the descriptors of reasons for exclusions. This is to be used as a guide and is not intended to be used as a tick list for exclusions.

Pupil suspension or permanent exclusion reason (not for nursery schools). These codes come into force from the autumn 2026 term, collected from spring 2027 onwards.

Code	Description
AB	Misandry behaviour
AR	Alcohol related
BU	Bullying
BW	Found to have brought a weapon or prohibited item into school
CB	Persistent disruptive behaviour – challenging behaviour
DM	Damage to property
DR	Drug related
DS	Abuse relating to disability including bullying
LD	Persistent disruptive behaviour - low level disruption
LG	Abuse against sexual orientation and gender identity including bullying
MB	Misogynistic behaviour
MP	Use of Mobile Phone
MT	Inappropriate use of social media or online technology
OS	Misbehaviour outside of school
OW	Use or threat of use of an offensive weapon or prohibited item
PA	Physical assault against an adult
PH	Willful and repeated transgression of protective measures in place to protect public health
PP	Physical assault against a pupil
RA	Racist abuse including bullying
SB	Harmful sexual behaviour
SM	Sexual misconduct
SR	Smoking related
TB	Cyber-bullying or threatening behaviour online
TH	Theft
VA	Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against an adult
VP	Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against a pupil
VR	Vape related