

Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	11 October 2018
Officer	Sylvia Lord, Advisor, Schools and Learning Service
Subject of Report	School Exclusions Update
Executive Summary	<p>This Report, requested at the last Committee meeting “For Information”, identifies the increase in permanent exclusions over last academic year in Dorset and identifies the reasons for the exclusions. The permanent exclusions data shared are also broken down by year group and by school.</p> <p>The Report also outlines what the Dorset Exclusions Officer, Alternative Provision Adviser and Children Missing Education Prioritisation Group do in order to challenge permanent exclusions; organise Managed Moves; admit permanently excluded pupils in to new school placements and safeguard vulnerable permanently excluded pupils through multi-agency working.</p>
Impact Assessment:	<p>Equalities Impact Assessment:</p> <p>None at this point</p>
	<p>Use of Evidence:</p> <p>Within report</p>
	<p>Budget:</p> <p>No request at this point however the LA has a duty to provide educational placements for permanently excluded children. Most of these children will spend some time in learning centres before moving back into mainstream education. As such, any increase in Permanent Exclusions puts pressure on existing Alternative Provision budget.</p>
	<p>Risk Assessment:</p>

	None
	<p>Outcomes:</p> <p>This report is to update members on the situation with regard to permanent exclusions from mainstream schools in Dorset.</p>
	<p>Other Implications:</p> <p>A child out of education is potentially vulnerable from a safeguarding point of view. It is imperative to ensure that all agencies work together and with the family to mitigate this risk and to ensure that each child makes a swift and successful return to education.</p>
Recommendation	For information only.
Appendices	<p>APPENDIX 1 - Fixed Term Exclusions and Permanent Exclusions by school for 2017-18</p> <p>APPENDIX 2 - Main reason for Permanent Exclusions 2017-18</p> <p>APPENDIX 3 - Permanent Exclusion by Year Group</p>
Background Papers	None.
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1. Permanent Exclusions (PEX) 2017/2018

1.1 Last academic year 73 children were permanently excluded. The breakdown by school is shown in appendix 1.

1.2 The greatest reason for permanent exclusion is still Persistent disruptive behaviour however the number of children drug and alcohol related reasons is growing. The breakdown by reason is shown in appendix 2. These exclusions are more likely to be rescinded (see table in 2.1) and are easier to organise a managed move for.

1.3 Last year saw a significant increase in permanent exclusions for primary aged children. The break down by reason is shown in appendix 2.

1.4 Fourteen permanent exclusions were rescinded by governors or an independent review panel (IRP). Some of these children may have had a successful managed move to another school but most have stayed with the original school. The breakdown is shown below;

School	Year group	Reason for PEx
Shaftesbury	Y9	Drug & Alcohol related
Wareham St Mary's	Y6	Verbal abuse/threatening Behaviour
Queen Elizabeth's	Y9	Persistent Disruptive behaviour
Atlantic Academy	Y1	Persistent Disruptive behaviour
Atlantic Academy	Y1	Persistent Disruptive behaviour
Thomas Hardy School	Y10	Drug & Alcohol related
Beaminster School	Y9	Drug & Alcohol related
All Saints	Y7	Persistent Disruptive behaviour
Budmouth College	Y7	Persistent Disruptive behaviour
Ferndown Upper	Y9	Drug & Alcohol related
Ferndown Upper	Y10	Drug & Alcohol related
Ferndown Upper	Y10	Drug & Alcohol related
Highcliffe School	Y10	Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour

2. Placing permanently excluded children

2.1 Most permanently excluded children are placed in a learning centre for a short period of time before being reintegrated into a new mainstream school. A small number are moved directly into a new school place. DCC Exclusions Officer will speak to the Headteacher of the excluding school in each case and determine what is likely to be the most successful plan for the child.

2.2 The pressure on Learning Centre places will continue to be a challenge this year. It is essential that these placements are recognised as short term and that we work in partnership with schools to ensure that children are reintegrated into mainstream education as soon as they are ready.

2.3 The majority of permanently excluded pupils will be brought to the In Year Fair Access Panel (IYFA) immediately after their exclusion to identify the next mainstream school placement. Learning Centre staff will work with their pupils to prepare them for a return to mainstream.

3. Challenging permanent exclusions

3.1 The Exclusions Officer and Advisor for Exclusions continue to advise around permanent exclusions and challenge schools where a permanent exclusion seems to be unjustifiable. We are seeing a continued increase in the request for Independent Review Panel's (IRP's) from parents/carers.

4. Multi-Agency Prioritisation Meeting

4.1 Permanent exclusion should be seen as a last resort in all schools. It is therefore reasonable to assume that a permanent exclusion will be a symptom of other issues or problems in a child's life. Since June 2018, every child who has been permanently excluded has been discussed at a multi-agency group to identify what other factors may need addressing. This is will be invaluable support to returning the children to successful mainstream education but also supports joint working to safeguard the permanently excluded child during a period of upheaval and transition.

5. Managed Moves

In 2017-18 we organised managed moves for 14 children to give them a fresh start in a new school and avoid a permanent exclusion.

APPENDIX 1**Permanent Exclusions by school for 2017-18**

School Name	Category	NOR	Permanent
			2017-18
Atlantic Academy/IPACA	All through	827	6
Parkfield	All through	406	1
All Saints	Secondary	888	2
Beaminster	Secondary	678	
Blandford	Secondary	997	1
Budmouth	Secondary	1651	6
Dorset Studio	Secondary	162	
Ferndown Upper	Secondary	721	4
Gillingham	Secondary	1689	1
Grange	Secondary	472	6
Gryphon	Secondary	1542	
Highcliffe	Secondary	1380	6
Lytchett Minster	Secondary	1447	2
Purbeck	Secondary	975	1
Queen Elizabeth's	Secondary	1565	6
Shaftesbury	Secondary	1062	4
Sir John Colfox	Secondary	823	
Sturminster Newton High	Secondary	492	
Swanage	Secondary	302	1
Thomas Hardy	Secondary	2102	1
Twynham	Secondary	1722	
Wey Valley	Secondary	756	8
Woodroffe	Secondary	1032	1
Christchurch Learning Centre	PRU	21	
Dorchester Learning Centre	PRU	31	
Sherborne Learning Centre	PRU	18	
The Compass	PRU	27	1
The Forum Centre	PRU	32	
Allenbourn	Middle	603	
Cranborne County	Middle	405	
Dorchester Middle School	Middle	615	
Emmanuel	Middle	405	1
Ferndown	Middle	560	
Lockyer's	Middle	490	
St Mary's	Middle	494	
St Michael's CE	Middle	571	

St Osmund's	Middle	679	
West Moors	Middle	204	
All Saints	Primary	92	
Archbisop Wake	Primary	414	
Beaminster st Mary's	Primary	118	
Beechcroft St Paul's	Primary	212	
Bere Regis	Primary	118	
Bincombe Valley	Primary	373	
Blandford St Mary's	Primary	176	
Bovington	Primary	289	
Bridport	Primary	399	
Broadwindsor CE	Primary	100	
Buckland Newton	Primary	81	
Burton Bradstock	Primary	83	
Burton CE	Primary	352	
Charmouth	Primary	147	
Chickerell	Primary	409	
Conifers	Primary	416	
Corfe Castle	Primary	106	
Downlands Community	Primary	245	
Durweston CE	Primary	137	
Gillingham	Primary	383	
Greenford	Primary	154	
Hazelbury Bryan	Primary	96	
Highcliffe St Mark's	Primary	592	
Holy Trinity CE	Primary	653	2
Loders CE	Primary	66	
Lulworth & Winfrith	Primary	103	
Lytchett Matravers	Primary	430	
Marshwood CE	Primary	70	
Milldown CE	Primary	248	
Milton-on-Stour	Primary	142	
Motcombe CE	Primary	183	
Okeford Fitzpaine CE	Primary	40	
Parrett and Axe CE	Primary	118	
Pimperne	Primary	203	
Portesham CE	Primary	104	
Powerstock CE	Primary	55	
Radipole	Primary	443	
Salway Ash CE	Primary	118	
Sandford St Martin's	Primary	382	
Shaftesbury	Primary	416	1
Sherborne Abbey	Primary	321	
Sherborne Primary	Primary	323	1
ShillingstoneCE	Primary	101	
Somerford Community	Primary	363	
Southill County	Primary	218	

Spetisbury CE	Primary	153	
St Andrew's CE	Primary	126	
St Andrew's CE Preston	Primary	331	
St Andrew's CE Yetminster	Primary	138	
St Augustine's	Primary	208	
St Catherine's RC Bridport	Primary	185	
St Catherine's RC Wimborne	Primary	212	
St George's Bourton	Primary	114	
St George's CE Langton Matravers	Primary	96	
St Georges Portland	Primary	438	
St Gregory's	Primary	142	
St Ive's	Primary	253	
St John's	Primary	242	
St Joseph's Catholic	Primary	216	
St Marks	Primary	172	
St Mary's and St Joseph's	Primary	175	
St Mary the Virgin CE	Primary	250	
St Mary's Sherborne	Primary	114	
St Mary's Bridport	Primary	189	
St Mary's RC	Primary	93	
St Mary's RC	Primary	196	
St Michael's CE	Primary	139	
St Nicholas and St Laurence	Primary	211	
St Nicholas	Primary	149	
Stalbridge CE	Primary	203	
Stickland CE	Primary	90	
Stoborough CE	Primary	202	
Stower Provost	Primary	76	
Swanage	Primary	183	
Symondsburry CE	Primary	111	
The Abbey CE	Primary	197	
The Dunbury	Primary	110	
The Priory	Primary	218	
Thorncombe St Mary's	Primary	63	
Thorner's CE	Primary	96	
Thornford CE	Primary	109	
Trent Young's CE	Primary	128	
Twynham	Primary	153	
Wareham St Mary's	Primary	192	
William Barnes	Primary	200	
Wool CE	Primary	96	
Wyke County	Primary	197	
Broadmayne	First	139	
Cerne Abbas	First	58	
Cheselbourne	First	35	
Colehill	First	153	

Cranbourne	First	127	
Damers	First	443	
Ferndown	First	305	
Frome Valley	First	139	
Hampreston	First	148	
Hayeswood County	First	153	
Henbury View	First	155	
Hillside Community	First	255	
Manor Park	First	432	
Milborne County	First	75	
Oakhurst	First	191	
Pamphill CE	First	68	
Parley	First	297	
Piddle Valley	First	118	
Puddletown	First	148	
Rushcombe	First	306	
Sixpenny Handley	First	106	
St James' Alderholt	First	77	
St James' Wimborne	First	120	
St Mary's Catholic Dorchester	First	151	
St Mary's Ferndown	First	186	
St Mary's Charminster	First	187	
Sturminster Marshall	First	128	
The Prince of Wales	First	156	
Three Legged Cross	First	121	
Trinity CE	First	143	
Verwood CE	First	286	
Wimborne	First	299	
Wimborne St Giles	First	63	
Wimborne St John's	First	143	
Winterbourne Valley	First	58	
Witchampton CE	First	66	
Christchurch	Infant	360	
Mudford Community	Infant	179	
Upton	Infant	268	
Wyke Regis	Infant	319	
Christchurch	Junior	502	
Mudford Community	Junior	264	
Upton	Junior	374	
Wyke Regis CE	Junior	363	
Beaucroft	Special	167	
Mountjoy	Special	69	1
Westfield	Special	208	
Wyvern	Special	82	1

Yewstock	Special	127	
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APPENDIX 2**Main reason for Permanent Exclusions 2017-18**

Reason	Children Excluded
Drug & Alcohol Related	7
Persistent disruptive behaviour	37
Physical assault against a pupil	6
Physical assault against an adult	7
Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult	3
Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against a pupil	4
Other	8

APPENDIX 3**Permanent Exclusion by Year Group**

Reason	Children Excluded
Year 1	2
Year 2	3
Year 3	1
Year 4	3
Year 5	3
Year 6	1
Year 7	4
Year 8	8
Year 9	22
Year 10	18
Year 11	4
Sixth Form	2