



**Lionheart Academies Trust**  
**Exclusions Policy**  
**2019-21**

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2017	Policy first agreed	Deputy CEO	Chair of Trust
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## **Introduction**

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Behaviour/Conduct Policy of the school, which outlines the behaviour expected of pupils and describes the rewards and sanctions systems operating in school on a day to day basis. Each school within Lionheart Academies Trust has its own Behaviour/Conduct Policy.

Wherever possible, poor behaviour will be managed using procedures outlined in the school's Behaviour/Conduct Policy, but in cases of more severe behaviour incidents there will sometimes be the need to resort to a temporary or permanent exclusion.

## **Statutory Guidance**

The use of exclusions falls within the most recent Department for Education statutory guidance. In September 2017 this is '*Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England Statutory guidance for those with legal responsibilities in relation to exclusion September 2017*'

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion>

## **Panel hearings**

As outlined in the statutory guidance, there are specific situations in which a panel hearing will need to take place. These will often need to be arranged at short notice and will usually rely on the daytime availability of governors.

For this reason, the panel members may include:

- Governors from the school's own Local Governing Body
- Governors from the Hub Governing Body to which the school belongs
- Trustees from the Trust Board
- Governors from the Local Governing Bodies or Hub Governing Bodies of other trust schools

It may sometimes be necessary to include governors from schools beyond the trust. Where this is the case, the panel should be chaired by a member from within the trust.