

Appendix 1. DfE Guidance on categories for fixed term and permanent exclusion

The categories should cover the main reasons for exclusions and the “other” category should be used sparingly.

Physical assault against pupil Includes:

- fighting
- violent behaviour
- wounding
- obstruction and jostling

Physical assault against adult Includes:

- violent behaviour
- wounding
- obstruction and jostling

Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against pupil Includes:

- threatened violence
- aggressive behaviour
- swearing
- homophobic abuse and harassment
- verbal intimidation
- carrying an offensive weapon

Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against adult Includes:

- threatened violence
- aggressive behaviour
- swearing
- homophobic abuse and harassment
- verbal intimidation
- carrying an offensive weapon

Bullying Includes:

- verbal
- physical
- homophobic bullying

Racist abuse Includes:

- racist taunting and harassment
- derogatory racist statements
- swearing that can be attributed to racist characteristics
- racist bullying
- racist graffiti

Sexual misconduct Includes:

- sexual abuse
- sexual assault
- sexual harassment
- lewd behaviour
- sexual bullying
- sexual graffiti

Drug and alcohol related Includes:

- possession of illegal drugs

- inappropriate use of prescribed drugs
- drug dealing
- smoking
- alcohol abuse
- substance abuse

Damage Includes damage to school or personal property belonging to any member of the school community:

- vandalism
- arson
- graffiti

Theft Includes:

- stealing school property
- stealing personal property (pupil or adult)
- stealing from local shops on a school outing
- selling and dealing in stolen property

Persistent disruptive behaviour Includes:

- challenging behaviour
- disobedience
- persistent violation of school rules

Other Includes incidents which are not covered by the categories above but this category should be used sparingly