

Permanently Excluded Pupils and School Performance Tables: a summary of current DfE advice

DfE information related to school performance tables includes important factors with regard to the results of permanently excluded pupils. A school receiving a key stage 4 pupil who has previously been permanently excluded is given the mandate to remove that pupil and their results from the school's figures.

'Schools can also apply for pupils to be removed if a pupil has been admitted following a permanent exclusion from another school, if the pupil is not at the end of key stage 4.... Schools cannot be accountable for these pupils and therefore we allow the removal of them so they are not included in their performance measures.'

The same guidance goes on to state the circumstances in which schools are not allowed to remove pupils from their figures:

'Schools cannot remove pupils in certain circumstances, for example: pupil has been excluded from school after the January school census; the pupil left to go to another school in England; or the pupil is a persistent non-attender.'

DfE Revised GCSE and Equivalent Results in England 2016-2017 [Quality and Methodology Information 25th January 2018](#) (Page 9)

DfE advice to schools within the [Secondary Checking Exercise – Guidance \(September 2017\)](#) (pages 26-27) further exemplifies this for both the excluding and the importing school:

Excluding school

- If the pupil is permanently excluded before the January census date and is on roll at another school then the pupil and their results are not counted at the excluding school.
- If the pupil is permanently excluded before the January census date, has results, but isn't on roll of any school, the excluding school can ask during the tables data checking exercise for the pupil and their results to be attributed to them.
- We will not accept requests to remove a pupil from roll where an appeal is still pending or is upheld. Fixed term exclusions will not be accepted as a reason for removing pupils from the school performance tables.

Importing school

- If a pupil has been excluded from another maintained school after the 1st September 2015 (for the 2017 tables, ie in the last 2 academic years) and is recorded on the school's roll in the January (spring) census, then the pupil and their results are not counted in the importing school's data, but are included in local authority and national data.
- Schools may request the pupil and their results be attributed to their school.
- If the pupil is admitted to the importing school after the January (spring) census, the pupil and their results are not counted at the importing school.

This policy is currently under review but will not be changed before the June 2018 exam process.

It is obviously important that all secondary schools are aware of the above information in relation to their own school performance tables and data checking processes, but also to facilitate local behaviour collaborative discussions around inclusive practice and admission arrangements for pupils who have been permanently excluded.