

Lancashire Exclusion Recharge Policy

This policy came into force on 1 September 2017, in accordance with the Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England: Statutory guidance for those with legal responsibilities in relation to exclusion

Who is charged?

When a child is permanently excluded, the excluding school must pay a charge for the exclusion. This charge will be calculated using the average pupil led funding factors for the school.

Please note that in accordance with the Regulations, no account is taken of how much the excluding school received in funding. Regulations advise the school will be charged even if they didn't receive funding support for that child.

The unit charge

The calculation of the exclusions charge will be based on the excluding school or academy's "pupil-led" factors, as supplied by the Department for Education (DfE) in the Authority Proforma Tool (APT) each year. This will generate a figure calculated on a school's average per pupil funding based on their census data.

Charging period

For mainstream schools, the charge will be based on the authority financial year April – March each year. For academies, the charge will be based on the academy financial year.

The period end date is different for children excluded in Year 6 and 11, which will be calculated using 31st August as the end of year date.

Calculation

The Lancashire exclusion charge calculation is set out below:

= Pupil Led Factors / (Remaining weeks / Number of weeks in the Year) = P/(R/Y)

Example:

Pupil excluded with the 6th day being 25 November and has been calculated to have a pupil led factors of £4,500. There are 18 weeks between then and the end of the financial year so,

Charge = £4,500 x (18/52) in this case the charge is £1,557.69

Pupil Led Funding calculation - Using the school's statement, pupil led funding is the sum of pupil led factors, MPF and MFG divided that by the number on role.

Academies

Academies have provisions in their funding agreement that require the same adjustments to their budgets to be made if requested to do so by their local authority. All current Lancashire academies have already been invited to join the local exclusion arrangements.

All Lancashire maintained schools converting to an academy or new free schools are invited to join our local exclusion arrangements. An academy excluding a pupil to Lancashire County Council is deemed to have agreed to accept the invitation to join the local exclusion arrangements.

Receiving School

The guidance on charges relating to exclusion states that receiving schools that take an excluded pupil should receive an equal positive adjustment based on the same calculation. Where the receiving school is mainstream then this will be applied.

However it is usual practice that an excluded pupil takes a place at a Pupil Referral Unit (PRU). These schools have their funding re-determined termly and are funded for excluded pupils based on the termly count used for redeterminations.