# Model suspension letter 3

**From the head teacher notifying the parent of a suspension for a fixed period which will result in the pupil being suspended for more than 15 school days in one term**

Dear **[parent/carer's name]**

I am writing to inform you of my decision to suspend **[child's name]** for a fixed period of **[specify period]**. This means that **[child's name]** will not be allowed in school for this period. The suspension [**begins/began]** on **[date]** and ends on **[date]**.

I realise that this suspension may well be upsetting for you and your family, but the decision to suspend **[child's name]** has not been taken lightly. **[Child's name]** has been excluded for this period because **[reason for suspension]**.

We will set work for **[name of child]** to be completed during the first five school days of this suspension. Please ensure that work set by the school is completed and returned to us promptly for marking **[detail the arrangements for this].**

You have a duty to ensure that your child is not found in a public place during the first five school days of this suspension i.e. **[specify dates]** unless there is reasonable justification for this. I must warn you that you may be prosecuted or receive a penalty notice from the local authority, if your child is found in a public place during normal school hours, on the specified dates, without reasonable justification.

**Paragraph for secondary age pupil]**

From the sixth school day of **[pupil name]’s** suspension **[specify date]** until the expiry of the suspension **[specify date]** we will provide suitable full-time education. I have today informed Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) **of [pupil name]’s** suspension and they will contact you directly about the arrangements for **[pupil name]’s** education from the sixth day of suspension.

**[Primary schools excluding pupils of compulsory school age for more than five consecutive days must make arrangements with a local/neighbouring school to receive the pupil and outline the details and contact person at the receiving school]**

**[Paragraph for use if pupil is a Looked After Child]**

As **[pupil name]** is a Looked After Child, OAT will endeavour to arrange alternative provision from the first day following this suspension.

As the total number of days of suspension exceeds more than 15 school days in total in one term, the governing board must meet to consider whether the suspended pupil should be reinstated. At the review meeting you may make representations to the governing board if you wish. The latest date on which the governing board can meet is **[date here — no later than 15 school days from the date the governing board is notified]**. If you wish to make representations to the governing board and wish to be accompanied by a friend or representative, please contact **[name of contact] on/at [contact details — address, telephone number, email]**, as soon as possible. **[Pupil’s name]** is also able to attend and participate in the meeting if you feel it is appropriate for them to do so.

You will, whether you choose to make representations or not, be notified by the clerk to the governing board of the time, date and location of the meeting. Please advise if you have a disability or special needs which would affect your ability to attend a meeting at the school. Also, please inform **[contact]** if it would be helpful for you to have an interpreter present at the meeting.

If you think this suspension has occurred as a result of discrimination then you may also make a claim under the Equality Act 2010 to the First Tier Tribunal (Special Education Needs and Disability) in the case of disability discrimination, or the County Court, in the case of other forms of discrimination. Making a claim would not affect your right to make representations to the governing board.

You may find the following sources of free and impartial advice and information useful:

Coram Children’s Legal Centre: [www.childlawadvice.org.uk](http://www.childlawadvice.org.uk) (0300 330 5485).

ACE Education: <http://www.ace-ed.org.uk/> (advice line service 0300 0115 142 on Monday to Wednesday from 10am to 1pm during term time).

A copy of the Government’s guidance, ‘Exclusion from maintained schools, Academies and Pupil Referral Units in England’, can be downloaded from the Department for Education’s website at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion>

***[And where considered relevant by the head teacher, links to services such as:]***

Information Advice & Support Services Network (formerly known as the local parent partnership) <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/information-advice-and-support-services-network/about>

National Autistic Society (NAS School Exclusion Service (England) (0808 800 4002 or schoolexclusions@nas.org.uk)

Independent Parental Special Education Advice (<http://www.ipsea.org.uk/> .

**[The following paragraph may be used if the head teacher chooses to hold a reintegration interview]**

You **[and your child or pupil’s name]** are requested to attend a reintegration interview with me **[alternatively specify the name of another member of staff]** at **[place]** on **[date]** at **[time]**. If that is not convenient, please contact the school as soon as possible to arrange a suitable alternative date and time. The purpose of the reintegration interview is to discuss how best your child’s return to school can be managed.

**[Name of child]**'s suspension expires on **[date]** and we expect **[name of child]** to be back in school on **[date]** at **[time]**.

Yours sincerely

**[Name]**Head teacher