

Managed Move

Hearing that your child is having difficulties at school can be distressing for parents/carers and knowing what rights and responsibilities you have as a parent/carer can help.

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1. What is a managed move?

A managed move (MM) is one strategy which can be used when there have been significant difficulties with a pupil's behaviour over a period of time. A managed move should only take place if the pupil's parents are in agreement, if there is a significant risk of the pupil's permanent exclusion and after all support strategies, including Pupil Referral Unit intervention, has been put in place.

2. Why is my child being offered a managed move?

The headteacher has decided that your child is at risk of exclusion. The head teacher has decided to exclude him/her fixed term or permanently but as an alternative is prepared to offer you a managed move.

3. Should I agree to a managed move instead of a permanent exclusion?

The result is the same, your child moves school. Some parent(s) who agree with the head teacher's decision prefer a managed move to avoid a permanent exclusion on the child's school record. However if you want to challenge the headteacher's decision you need to refuse the offer of a managed move so that you will have an opportunity to make representations, ie express your views, to the school governors.

4. Are there other differences?

Several. If you agree to a managed move, you have no formal opportunity to argue your case with the school governors. The governors do not have a meeting to ratify a managed move and you have no chance to discuss it with them. This may be important if you feel that your child has not been supported adequately or fairly treated. If your child is excluded permanently and the governors uphold it you have the chance to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel. There is no appeal against a managed move.

5. If I agree, what happens to my child's education before he/she starts at the new school?

Your child will remain on roll at the present school until a new school has been agreed. The first school will make provision until your child moves to the new school. This is different from a permanent exclusion. A child who is permanently excluded will have provision from a Buckinghamshire Pupil Referral Unit until he/she starts at the new school.

6. Even after I had agreed to a managed move, the head has fixed term excluded my child for a period. Why has this been done?

Even though a managed move has been agreed the school may decide that because of the pupil's behaviour, it is not a good idea for him/her to remain at the school in the meantime. In order to keep within the law, the headteacher needs to formally exclude the pupil, but if the exclusion is for longer than 5 days the school must make full time provision for your child. .

7. The head has not excluded my child but has put him/her on a part time timetable. Is this allowed?

No, it is not allowed; your child is entitled to full time education, although this may not always be on the school site. Part time timetables are illegal unless they are part of an integration programme. If your child is not receiving full time provision you should contact the Exclusion & Reintegration Officer for the school.

8. If the new school is a considerable way from where I live - what happens?

If the school is more than 2 miles (under 8 years) or 3 miles (over 8 years) from your home the Local Authority will provide/pay for transport, usually a bus pass, as long as the school is the one identified by the Local Authority as appropriate.

9. Is there any help given to my child in integrating into the new school?

Once a receiving school has been agreed a meeting should be arranged between the two schools, the parent(s), the pupil, the Pupil Referral Unit, Exclusion and Reintegration Officer and any other agencies as appropriate to the individual case. This meeting should include dates for an interim and final placement review, which must be within 12 weeks of the start date. Parents should be asked to enter into a parenting contract to support their child's reintegration to his/her new school.

10. What happens if the managed move breaks down?

Should the managed move break down, the pupil will either return to the home school or/and to alternative provision.

11. Can I discuss this with anyone outside the school?

The Exclusion and Reintegration Officer for the school or the Pupil Referral Unit will discuss your options and concerns with you. If your child has special educational needs you could contact the Parent Partnership Service on tel: 01296 383754 or email: parentp@buckscc.gov.uk who will be able to talk through the options and give you advice.