



St Alban's

Catholic Primary and Nursery School
Member of St Clare's Catholic Multi Academy Trust, Diocese of Hallam

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Behaviour and Suspension Policy Addendum

ADDENDUM: Implementation of 2026 Statutory Suspension and Exclusion Guidance (Effective 26 July 2026)

This addendum updates our Suspension Policy to reflect the Department for Education's statutory guidance on suspensions, permanent exclusions, off-site direction and pupil movement, effective from 26 July 2026.

1. Legal Status

Our school now follows the 2026 statutory guidance on suspensions and permanent exclusions, which applies to all maintained schools, academies, free schools, PRUs and APs.

2. Suspension and Permanent Exclusion

- Suspensions may be used where necessary and proportionate.
- Permanent exclusion is only used as a **last resort**, where all other strategies have been exhausted.

3. Safeguarding Separation

Where a pupil must be temporarily prevented from attending the premises for safeguarding reasons, this will be recorded as a **safeguarding separation**, not a disciplinary exclusion. Parents, the DSL and the governing board will be notified without delay.

4. Off-Site Direction

The school will comply with the statutory framework for off-site direction, including issuing written notices containing all prescribed information and holding review meetings at appropriate intervals.

5. Managed Moves

- Trial managed moves are not permitted.
- Managed moves must be permanent from the outset.
- No pupil will be excluded for refusing a managed move.
- Social workers will be notified when a managed move is being considered.

6. Pupil Voice

Pupils will be supported to express their views before decisions on suspensions, exclusions, off-site direction or managed moves.

7. Looked After Children

The Designated Teacher will consider the use of Pupil Premium Plus and whether an interim PEP review is required when a LAC is at risk of exclusion.

8. **Governing Board Oversight**

The governing board will review pupil movement data, including safeguarding separations, and may refuse remote meetings where safeguarding concerns prevent fair participation.

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