

## **NATIONAL STANDARD LIST OF REASONS FOR EXCLUSION**

The DCSF has produced a national standard list of reasons to be used when reporting an exclusion. The 12 categories should cover the main reasons for exclusions and the 'other' category should be used sparingly. The further details suggesting what the descriptors cover should be used as a guide and are not intended to be used as a tick list for exclusions.

### **Physical assault against pupil**

Includes:

- fighting
- violent behaviour
- wounding
- obstruction and jostling

### **Physical assault against adult**

Includes:

- violent behaviour
- wounding
- obstruction and jostling

### **Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against pupil**

Includes:

- threatened violence
- aggressive behaviour
- swearing
- homophobic abuse and harassment
- verbal intimidation
- carrying an offensive weapon

### **Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against adult**

Includes:

- threatened violence
- aggressive behaviour
- swearing
- homophobic abuse and harassment
- verbal intimidation
- carrying an offensive weapon

### **Bullying**

Includes:

- verbal
- physical
- homophobic bullying
- racist bullying

**Racist abuse**

Includes:

- racist taunting and harassment
- derogatory racist statements
- swearing that can be attributed to racist characteristics
- racist bullying
- racist graffiti

**Sexual misconduct**

Includes:

- sexual abuse
- sexual assault
- sexual harassment
- lewd behaviour
- sexual bullying
- sexual graffiti

**Drug & Alcohol related**

Includes:

- possession of illegal drugs
- inappropriate use of prescribed drugs
- drug dealing
- smoking
- alcohol abuse
- substance abuse

**Damage**

Includes damage to school or personal property belonging to any member of the school community:

- vandalism
- arson
- graffiti

**Theft**

Includes:

- stealing school property
- stealing personal property (pupil or adult)
- stealing from local shops on a school outing
- selling and dealing in stolen property

**Persistent disruptive behaviour**

Includes:

- challenging behaviour
- disobedience
- persistent violation of school rules

**Other**

Includes incidents which are not covered by the categories above but this category should be used sparingly.