

Appendix 1: Report on Fixed Term and Permanent Exclusions from Flintshire - Primary Schools

Overview:

The figures used to populate this report are based on the individual pupil exclusion records held within the County's ONE database.

The results below are taken from the previous three full academic years (2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12).

Comparison Data:

The all Wales comparative exclusions data for the 2011/12 academic year will not be available until March 2013 from the Statistical Directorate of the Welsh Government.

The overall trend for Wales for both fixed term and permanent exclusions is downward. The results for Flintshire primary schools for the 2011/12 academic year mirror that trend overall.

Table 1a: Fixed Term and Permanent Exclusions

Academic Year	Fixed Term exclusions		Permanent Exclusions	Total Number of Pupils
	Number of Instances	Number of Pupils		
2009/10	120	60	0	60
2010/11	94	56	0	56
2011/12	99	65	0	65
Totals:	313	181	0	181

Observations:

- The number of instances of Fixed Term Exclusion over this date range 2009/12 was in the range 94 (10/11) to 120 (9/10) instances.
- The number of pupils given Fixed Term Exclusions over this period 2009/12 academic years was in the range 56 (10/11) to 65 (11/12) pupils.
- No Permanent Exclusions occurred in our Primary Schools within the date range of this report.

Table 1b: The number of Primary School pupils Fixed Term and Permanently excluded in this date range 2009/10 to 2011/12 inclusive, expressed as a percentage of the total Primary School pupil population for each academic year.

Note: The total pupil population figures are taken from the statistical return made by all schools in January each year as part of their annual PLASC return.

Academic Year	Total Excluded Pupils	Total Primary School Pupil Population	Total Excluded Pupils as a %
2009/10	60	13,285	0.46%

2010/11	56	13,221	0.42%
2011/12	65	13,351	0.48%
Averages:	60	13,286	0.45%

Observations:

- The average number of pupils excluded from Flintshire Primary Schools was 60 individuals. This represents an average 0.45% of the average total Primary School pupil population in Flintshire (13,286 pupils) for these three academic years 2009/12.

Table 2: The Gender of the pupils who were Fixed Term and Permanently Excluded in the three academic years, 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12

Academic Year	Fixed Term Exclusions			Permanent		
	Number of Pupils	M	F	Number of Pupils	M	F
2009/10	60	54	6	0	0	0
2010/11	56	50	6	0	0	0
2011/12	65	57	8	0	0	0
Totals:	181	161	20	0	0	0

Observations

- It is clear that the majority of pupils receiving Fixed Term Exclusions in Primary Schools in Flintshire are male, 161 male pupils compared to just 20 females in the academic year data range of this report.
- No Primary School pupils of either gender were Permanently Excluded in the academic year date range of this report.

Table 3: The Ethnicity of the pupils in the 2011/12 academic year who were Fixed Term and Permanently Excluded

Ethnicity Reported	%
White/British	69.2%

Observation

- It is clear that the majority (69.2%) of the Primary School pupils who were reported as Fixed Term Excluded in the 2011/12 full academic year were recorded as being of 'White/British' origin.

Table 4: The Number of Primary Schools that Fixed Term or Permanently excluded pupils in the identified academic years 2009/10 to 2011/12 inclusive

Academic Year	Number of Primary Schools	% of total number of Primary Schools
2009/10	25	33.8%
2010/11	27	36.5%
2011/12	19	26.4%
Average	24 Schools	33.3%

Observations:

- The average number of Primary Schools that excluded pupils in each of the selected full academic years (2009/10 to 2011/12) was 24 or 33.3% of the 72 Primary Schools now in Flintshire following the amalgamation of Wat's Dyke Infants & Mynydd Isa Junior's to form Mynydd Isa Primary; and the Dee Road Infants and Custom House Lane to form Caer Nant.
- It is noticeable that the number of Primary Schools that excluded pupils in the 2010/11 academic year was greater (by 2 schools) than that for the previous academic year (09/10), while only 19 Primary Schools excluding pupils in the 2010/11 academic year.
- Of the 72 Primary Schools now in Flintshire in the three academic years 2009/10 to 2011/12 an average of 48 schools or 66.5% did not exclude any of their pupils.

Table 5a: The reasons for all types of exclusions from Flintshire Primary Schools in the date range 2008/09 to 2010/11 academic years inclusive

Reason	Number of Instances 2009/10	Number of Pupils 2009/10	Number of Instances 2010/11	Number of Pupils 2010/11	Number of Instances 2011/12	Number of Pupils 2011/12
Bullying	10	10	2	2	4	3
Damage to Property	0	0	0	0	1	1
Defiance	27	18	13	9	13	11
Disruptive Behaviour	9	9	9	6	5	5
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1
Possession / Use of Weapons	1	1	0	0	2	2
Racial Harassment	2	2	0	0	0	0
Sexual Harassment	1	1	1	1	2	1
Substance Misuse	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theft	0	0	0	0	1	1
Threatening / Dangerous Behaviour	8	6	6	6	8	8
Verbal Abuse	8	6	7	6	11	9
Violence to Pupils	33	25	34	27	32	28
Violence to Staff	22	13	21	13	19	14
Totals:	122	92	94	71	99	84

Please note: The apparent discrepancy between the total number of pupils recorded year on year in table 5a above and the total number of pupils recorded in table 1a is explained by the fact that some individual pupils are fixed term excluded on more than one occasion in an academic year for different reasons.

Table 5b: Combined yearly totals of the reasons for Fixed Term and Permanent Exclusion from Flintshire Primary Schools in the date range 200/10 to 2011/12 academic years inclusive

Reason	Number of Instances	Number of Pupils
Bullying	16	15
Damage to Property	1	1
Defiance	53	38
Disruptive Behaviour	23	20
Other	3	3
Possession / Use of Weapons	3	3
Racial Harassment	2	2
Sexual Harassment	4	3
Substance Misuse	0	0
Theft	1	1
Threatening / Dangerous Behaviour	22	20
Verbal Abuse	26	21
Violence to Pupils	99	80
Violence to Staff	62	40
Totals:	315	247

Observations:

From Tables 5a and 5b it can be seen that for the three full academic years 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 the most frequent reason for exclusion in Flintshire Primary School over these three years were:

- 1st for 'Violence to Pupils' (99 instances involving 80 excluded pupils).
- 2nd for 'Violence to Staff' (62 instances involving 40 excluded pupils).
- 3rd for 'Defiance' (53 instances involving 38 excluded pupils).
- 4th for 'Verbal Abuse' (26 instances involving 21 excluded pupils).
- 5th for 'Disruptive Behaviour' (23 instances involving 20 excluded pupils).
- 6th for 'Threatening & Dangerous Behaviour' (22 instances involving 20 excluded pupils).

Table 6: The tariff ranges in days for the various reasons for Fixed Term Exclusion for the three full academic years reported.

Reason	Tariff Range in days 2009/10	Tariff Range in days 2010/11	Tariff Range in days 2011/12	Overall Tariff Range in days	Median Exclusion Tariff in days
Bullying	1 to 9	3	1 to 5	1 to 9	5
Damage to Property	0	0	2	2	2
Defiance	1 to 8	1 to 8	1 to 6	1 to 8	4
Disruptive Behaviour	1 to 7	1 to 20	1 to 5	1 to 20	10
Other	6	3	4	3 to 6	4.5
Possession / Use of Weapons	4	0	2 to 10	2 to 10	6
Racial Harassment	1 to 15	0	0	1 to 15	8
Sexual Harassment	3	5	1 to 5	1 to 5	3
Substance Misuse	0	0	0	0	0
Theft	0	0	2	2	2
Threatening / Dangerous Behaviour	1 to 10	1 to 2	1 to 9	1 to 10	5.5
Verbal Abuse	1 to 5	1 to 3	1 to 7	1 to 7	4
Violence to Pupils	1 to 11	1 to 15	1 to 6	1 to 15	8
Violence to Staff	1 to 16	1 to 30	1 to 10	1 to 30	15.5
Overall Ranges in days	1 to 16	1 to 30	1 to 10	1 to 30	15.5

Observations

- Overall the range of Fixed Term Exclusions in Flintshire Primary Schools for the three full academic years reported was between 1 day and 30 days (the 30 days was for just 1 pupil in the 2010/11 academic year).
- There were 6 low incidence reasons for Fixed Term Exclusions in Flintshire Primary Schools in these three full academic years, they were:
 - ‘Damage to Property ‘
 - ‘Other’
 - ‘Possession/Use of Weapons’
 - ‘Racial Harassment’
 - ‘Sexual Harassment’
 - ‘Theft’.
 And with no instances in these 3 academic years ‘Substance Misuse’.
- The majority of Fixed Term Exclusions occurred for reasons that mostly come within the behavioural / attitudinal range (Defiance, Disruptive Behaviour, Threatening/Dangerous Behaviour, Verbal Abuse, Violence to Pupils and Staff).

Summary Observations:

From the records of Fixed Term and Permanent exclusions from Flintshire Primary Schools recorded between September 2009 and the end of the summer term in July 2012 it is clear that:

- The average number of Primary School pupils excluded was 60 in these three academic years. This represents an average of 0.45% of the average total pupil population for the three academic years 2009/10 to 2011/12 inclusive.
- No Primary School pupil was permanently excluded in the three full academic year period of this report (2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12).
- Although the incidence of Fixed Term Exclusion from our Primary Schools is comparatively low. There is an on-going concern regarding the number of individual pupils from some of our Primary Schools who receive multiple fixed term exclusions in an academic year.
- The majority of pupils fixed term excluded during the date range of this report September 2009 and July 2012 were male, (161 males compared to only 20 females a ratio of 8:1 male to female pupils).
- In the 2011/12 full academic year the majority of our Primary School pupils who received any sort of exclusion were reported as being of 'White/British' origin (69.2%).
- An average 24 Primary Schools excluded pupils in the three complete academic years reported. This is equivalent to an average 33.3 % of the total number of Primary Schools in Flintshire (72 schools in the 2011/12 academic year).
- The reason for the greatest number of exclusions during the period of this report (2009/10 to 2011/12 academic years inclusive) was for 'Violence to Pupils' (99 instances resulting in the exclusion of 80 pupils over the three full academic years of this report).
- Overall the range of tariff's applied for Fixed Term Exclusions in Flintshire Primary Schools for the three full academic years reported (2009/10 to 2011/12 inclusive) was between 1 day and 30 days with the median length of a Fixed Term Exclusion being 15.5 days. This result is artificially raised by the inclusion of one instance of fixed term exclusion for which a tariff of 30 days was applied in the 2010/11 academic year.

- There were 6 low incidence reasons for Fixed Term Exclusion in Flintshire Primary Schools during the three full academic years of this report (2009/10 to 2011/12 inclusive), these were:

‘Damage to Property ‘

‘Other’

‘Possession/Use of Weapons’

‘Racial Harassment’

‘Sexual Harassment’

‘Theft’.

And with no instances in these 3 academic years ‘Substance Misuse’.

- The majority of Fixed Term Exclusions reported during the three full academic years of this report (2009/10 to 2011/12 inclusive) occurred for reasons that mostly come within the ‘behavioural/attitudinal range:
 - ‘Violence to Pupils’
 - ‘Violence to Staff’
 - ‘Defiance’
 - ‘Threatening & Dangerous Behaviour’
 - ‘Verbal Abuse’
 - ‘Disruptive Behaviour’