

The Four Stones Multi Academy Trust

Exclusions Policy during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

The statutory guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion/changes-to-the-school-exclusion-process-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak> describes the temporary changes the Department for Education have made to the school exclusion process due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

The [new regulations](#) change some of the procedures that must be followed in relation to an exclusion, to give greater flexibility to schools, parents/carers and academies during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The normal arrangements and procedures that must follow a decision to exclude on disciplinary grounds are described in the 2017 [statutory guidance 'Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England'](#). They are unchanged except as noted in the guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion/changes-to-the-school-exclusion-process-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

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