Suspensions and Exclusions Conference 2024

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Virtual Conference

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Data released at the end of 2023 showed that the number of students being suspended has reached a record high, and that rates of exclusion are almost back to pre-pandemic levels. Alternative Provision providers are reporting that they are overwhelmed with the numbers of excluded pupils. With the Suspension and Permanent Exclusions Guidance updated in September 2023, the conversation about this topic is set to continue into 2024.

Join us for this full day conference to explore this difficult area and to ensure that your knowledge is up-to-date. You'll hear from a wide range of experts on topics that can help you ensure that you are using these sanctions appropriately and that you are taking steps to minimise suspensions and exclusions. Sessions covered will include; early identification for vulnerable students, building an inclusive curriculum, successful reintegration, working with parents and carers, tackling persistent disruptive behaviour and much more!

Who should attend?

Headteachers, Deputy and Assistant Heads, Behaviour Leads, DSLs and other members of the SLT.

This conference will enable you to:

- Ensure you are up to date on the current law and guidance around, including updates to the Suspension and Permanent Exclusions Guidance for September 2023
- Explore the current landscape in relation to this difficult area
- Understand which children are vulnerable to exclusion and why
- Consider how you might be able to use your school data to identify and intervene early with those vulnerable children
- Make school life more inclusive to improve engagement and reduce exclusions
- Take a three stage approach to promoting positive behaviour
- Improve your reintegration strategy to give children the best chance to return to school successfully
- Work in collaboration with the pupil, parents, carers and other relevant parties on reintegration
- Support improved attendance for pupils at risk of suspension or exclusion
- Take a whole-school approach to persistently disruptive behaviour
- Work with parents and carers to tackle disruptive behaviour, to avoid unnecessary suspensions and exclusions



9.30 Chair's introduction and welcome

Kelly Hannaghan Mental Health Consultant, Motivational Speaker, Coach

09.40 Making school life more inclusive

Matt Bromley

Education Author, Journalist & Advisor Bromley Education

- Using inclusion to avoid exclusions
- Building a more representative curriculum to increase engagement
- Ensuring all learners access to the curriculum

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0.25	Working in partnership with parents and carers to t Kelly Hannaghan	When to involve parents and carers around behaviour	
	Mental Health Consultant, Motivational Speaker, Coach	 Working with hard to reach and disengaged parents Strategies for working with parents to improve behaviour Talking to parents about pupil mental health 	
1.10	Comfort Break and Virtual Networking		
11.25	Promoting positive behaviour: A three stage approach		
	Matt Bromley <i>Education Author, Journalist & Advisor</i> Bromley Education	 Preventative strategies Corrective strategies Supportive strategies 	
2.10	Taking steps to avoid exclusions: Learning from rese	earch with children and parents	
	Sarah Martin-Denham	 How can we use learning on protective and risk factors to prevent school exclusion? 	
	Associate Professor of Care and Education University of Sunderland	 Why are particular groups of children at higher risk of school exclusion The importance of earliest intervention Making reasonable adjustments Learning from children's life journeys 	
2.55	Lunch Break and Virtual Networking		
13.25	Supporting improved attendance for children at risk of suspension or exclusion		
	Steve Burnage, FCCT FRSA M.Ed. International Education Consultant, Inspector and Author Mister Steve Training and Consultancy	 The current scope of the problem The importance of increasing attendance for these children Tracking and monitoring attendance for this vulnerable group Practical steps to improve attendance 	
14.10	Early intervention for vulnerable students		
	Ali Williams Assistant Headteacher Foxfields Academy	 Identifying children vulnerable to exclusion and their specific challenges Meeting the individual needs of these students Effective data analysis and trends 	
4.55	Comfort Break and Virtual Networking		
5.00	Tackling persistent disruptive behaviour		
	John d'Abbro, OBE Behaviour Management Specialist	 Empowering staff to tackle and manage disruptive behaviour Responding to pupils who exhibit persistently disruptive behaviour The importance of a whole schools approach 	
15.45	Successful reintegration following suspension or pupil support unit intervention		
	Sarah Johnson	 What does an effective reintegration strategy look like? 	

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