

Tougher rules for excluded pupils

5 Under regulations coming into force in England this week parents will have to keep pupils under supervision for the first five days of exclusion. Following the "home detention", local authorities will have to provide pupils with lessons from the sixth day of an exclusion from their own school.

10 School Secretary Ed Balls says that parents have to be responsible for instilling right and wrong. It is important that parents take a central role when a child is excluded, making sure they are at home working, rather than treating the exclusion as a holiday or an excuse to wander the streets.

15 Parents will face fines of £50 if they do not supervise children who have been excluded. They will also have to ensure a child is not found in a public place without reasonable justification.

Local authorities will be asked to step in with an educational provision for excluded pupils after a week with parents. At present, this does not happen until the sixteenth day of exclusion.

20 When exclusions are completed, there will be a compulsory reintegration interview between the school, the child and parents before returning to mainstream lessons.

25 This autumn will also see the introduction of lessons in secondary schools teaching respect and "emotional intelligence", designed to reduce violence and bad behavior. This Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (Seal) programme is already extensively used in primary schools – and in July the government announced a £13.7m plan to introduce these lessons into secondary schools.

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