



Pastoral Support Plans (PSPs)

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What is a PSP?

A PSP is a detailed plan drawn up and agreed between you, your child and the school to improve your child's behaviour and to try to stop your child being excluded.

Who is involved in a PSP?

- A senior member of school staff who is responsible for inclusion (keeping children involved in learning)
- You and your child
- Possibly others such as Behaviour Support Service, SEN Services, Educational Psychologist, School Attendance Officer and any other person who could help your child.

Why might your child have a PSP?

A PSP may be necessary if your child's behaviour at school means that he or she:

- is at risk of permanent exclusion
- has had a number of fixed term exclusions but their behaviour is not improving
- is behaving in ways that hinder their progress and achievement in school.

How is a PSP set up?

The school will ask you and your child to a meeting to discuss the following:

- Your child's behaviour and the reasons for it
- Targets for improvement in behaviour. These must be specific and short-term, e.g. 'child will be able to do..... by.....'



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- Details of the staff and support services to be involved in the plan, and any referrals that need to be made for further help
 - Details of support strategies to be used, e.g. structured and supervised activities at lunchtimes
 - What rewards will be given?
 - What warnings or punishments will be given?
 - How will my child be helped to behave well?
 - Who can he or she go to if upset?
 - What practical support will be given to help with school work?
 - What support will be given with relationships in school?
 - How you can support the plan
 - The things your child must do to make the plan successful
 - Review dates, time and place.

How will you know if the PSP is working?

Every two weeks, you, your child and the school must review your child's progress to see if the targets are being met, to check that support is in place, and to see if the support needs to change. It is hoped that the plan will only be needed for a short term - usually for up to a maximum of 16 working weeks.

Who can support you?

[Herefordshire and Worcestershire SEND Information, Advice and Support Service](#)

(SENDIASS) can work with you to get help for your child and for yourself. They can also help to:

- support you at meetings
- communicate with your child's school.

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