



Ethos Academy Trust

**Outreach
Team**

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OUTREACH NEWSLETTER

Outreach / Exclusions Update

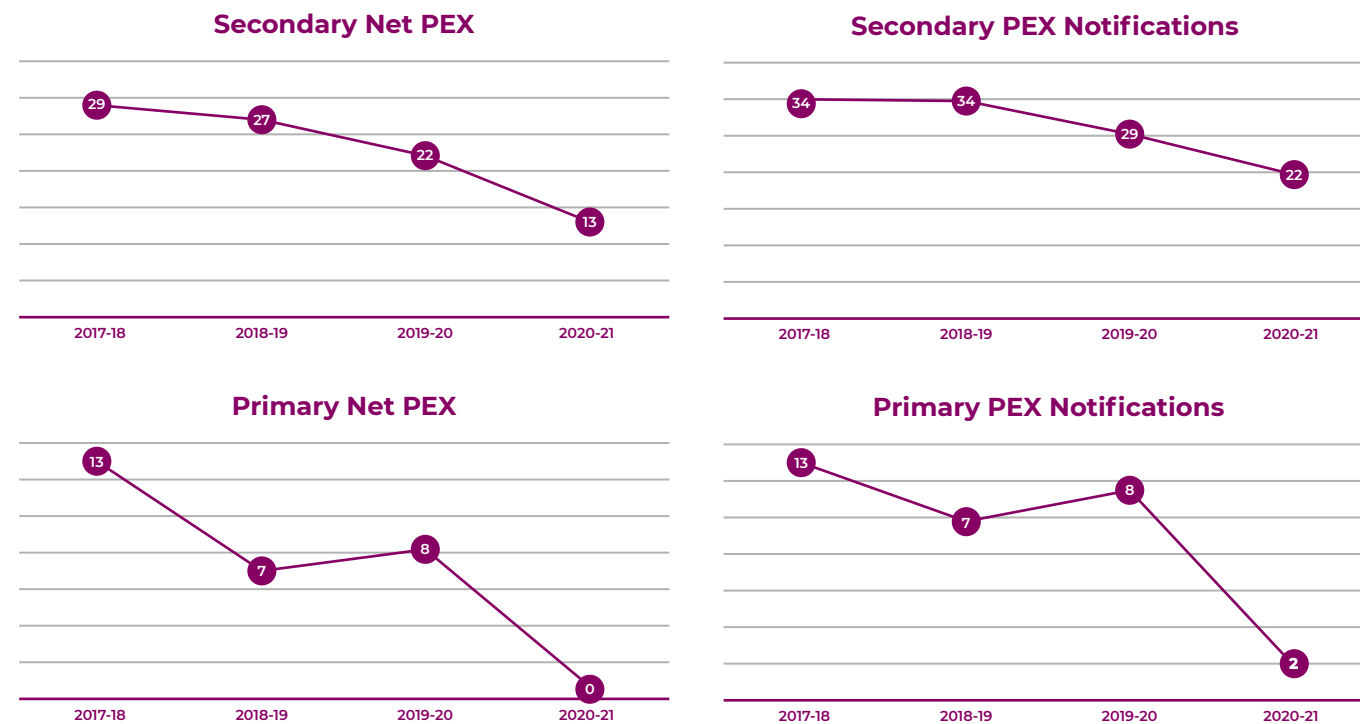
FAO Headteacher, SENDCOs and Behaviour Leads (Kirklees Mainstream Primary & Secondary schools).

Our Academy Trust newsletter offers information and updates for schools to further develop their offer and provision in order to support pupils with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs.

Exclusions

We shared in our Autumn Newsletter Kirklees key priority around reducing exclusions. Whilst we need to be cautious in relation to the impact of the recent pandemic on children, schools and families, we can report a significant reduction in permanent exclusions.

The graphs below illustrate the current exclusions trends over the last three autumn terms.



Primary Update:

Mainstream Primary senior leaders and frontline school staff have sought initial advice from our Inclusion Managers (who lead on Exclusions). Partnership work to consider alternatives to permanent exclusion has resulted in six intended notifications not being submitted, with alternatives agreed including:

- Identification of supplementary factors that have influenced a child's behaviour, leading to the provision of additional in-school support.
- Management of risk by implementing SMART risk assessments to improve protective measures and maintain school attendance.
- Turnaround placements agreed or alternative early intervention support from the Outreach Service and other agencies.

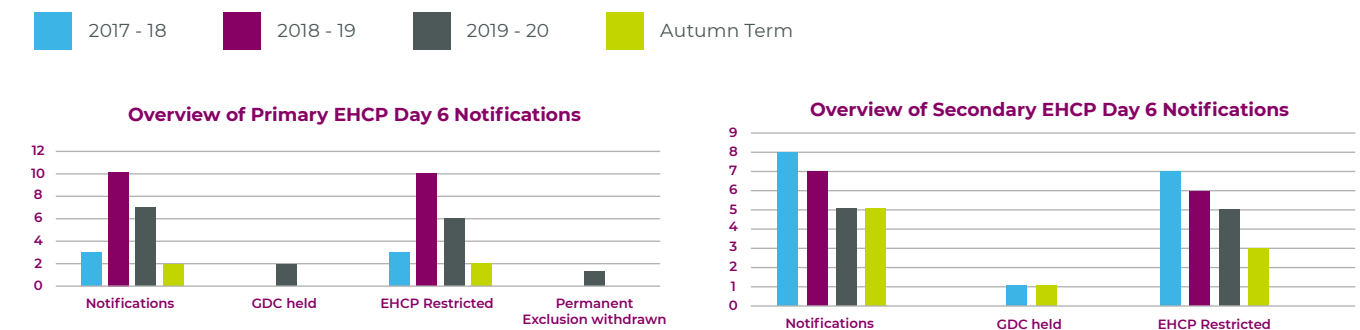
Meetings with parents, school staff and key professionals to achieve a shared vision going forward were facilitated, ensuring the child and family have a voice in all decisions.

Secondary Update:

Mainstream secondary schools have been proactive seeking advice and support from our Inclusion Managers (Exclusions). Together they have considered alternatives to permanent exclusion, with schools both supported and challenged to ensure that the decision to permanently exclude a pupil is a last resort. Four notifications to the local authority were withdrawn, with Headteachers accessing alternatives to exclusion. These included referrals to Alternative Provision (commissioned by the school), additional SEMH support and a Managed Move to another local school.

Exclusion of Children with Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCP)

This remains a concern for schools and the local authority as permanent exclusion notifications to the LA for this vulnerable group have significantly increased. 100% of Primary notifications had an EHCP, over 22% of Secondary notifications had an EHCP.



(Please note this is full year data plus Autumn Term 2020 data)

Additional data (Notifications):

- Most common reason for permanent exclusion - physical assault against an adult. (Primary 100% / Secondary 27%)
- 59% FSM (Secondary) / 100% FSM (Primary)
- 31.8% were known to CAMHS/CHEWS (Secondary)

No Knives Better Lives Support Programme

This programme is still available as an alternative to exclusion should a school issue an exclusion related to 'Use or threat of use of an offensive weapon or prohibited item'. **For further information please visit Ethos Academy Trust website - www.eat.uk.com/our-services/no-knives-better-lives/**



A recent independent report on exclusions can be found in the link in the image to the left.

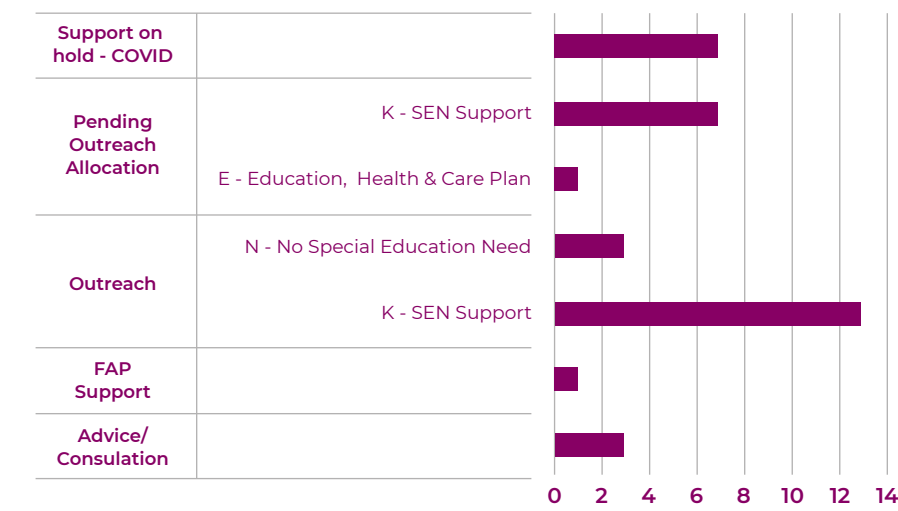
SEMH Outreach Team

Inclusion Workers are fully deployed in schools during the Autumn Term and will be during the Spring Term lockdown subject to risk assessments.

Our Outreach Team continued to offer a range of SEMH-focussed support for all pupils from Reception to Y11 during the Autumn Term. The Team delivered interventions including modelling of SEMH strategies, support to develop emotional literacy, facilitating Effective Support to Self-Regulate Plans and helping to accurately and appropriately assess and target need. Our key priority is to support schools to further develop their inclusive systems and provisions.

SEMH Referrals Years 4 – 11 (allocated through Single Point Referral)

Current Outreach Cases Summary (open cases) – please note Covid has had an impact on the number of cases the team can cover which has resulted in an increased time allocation for vulnerable children currently attending schools.



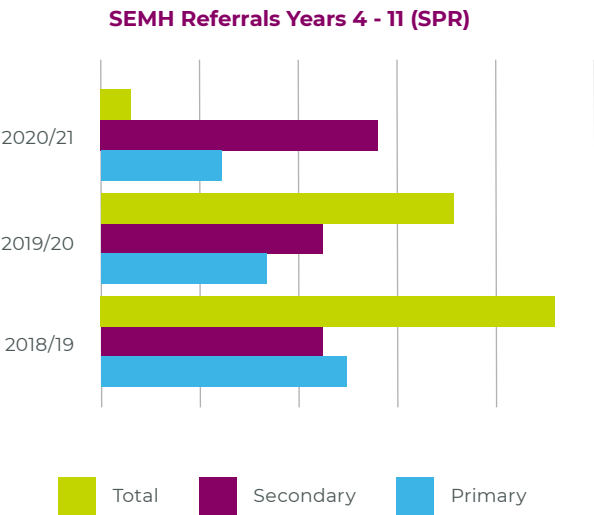
Impact following referral to SPR (Autumn Term 2020)

- Tracking data indicates an average increase in attendance of 12%.
- Fixed term exclusions (FTE) were reduced on average by 21% per student.

SEMH Referrals – R to Y3 (allocated through Specialist Provision Panel)

Please note SEMH primary age 'Outreach' referrals (R-Y3) are sent to Specialist Provision. All other primary age SEMH referrals, including 'Turnaround' requests should be sent to Single Point Referral. Links to these forms can be found on the website www.eat.uk.com/our-services/single-point-referral-process/

Reception – Year 3 Outreach Referrals - Autumn Term 2020, compared with the same period in Autumn 2019. Specialist Provision data is held on Synergy, currently 22 cases are open.



Plans for Spring Term 2021

Outreach Inclusion Workers continue to support in mainstream settings with two further students supported virtually during 'lockdown 2'. The team has managed to maintain this support for their current referrals through regular reviews of risk assessments to ensure that the safety of all staff and students is prioritised.

SEMH Inclusion Pilot

Our SEMH pilot has been offered to a small number of primary and secondary schools. The pilot runs until the end of the summer term, with the aim of supporting schools to further develop their inclusive learning communities.

The support provides access to advice and training in the following areas:

Graduated Approach

- Advice, Support and training with writing My Support Plans and EHC requests.
- SEMH identification and assessment in partnership with other key professionals.
- Early advice around provision and interventions, including the opportunity to join Outreach Inclusion Worker CPD sessions.
- Exclusions

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- Exclusion Guidance training to Senior Leadership Teams and Governors.
- Advice and support in reviewing Behaviour Policies.

Contacts and support routes:

Early Intervention and Advice

Our additional 'portal' to access early intervention advice continues to be available via the following email address: outreach.advice@eat.uk.com

Sue Wight
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Single Point Referrals (SPR)

An updated SPR form is now available. This should be used from 7th September 2020. The panel meet fortnightly to discuss referrals, these are chaired by Kirklees Headteachers.

Please note: All primary and secondary SEMH and medical referrals should also be submitted via this referral process.

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Exclusions and Reintegration Support

For advice around Exclusions and Reintegration Support through Fair Access please contact our Inclusion Managers:

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