

# 10 things you should know about Managed Moves



## 1

A managed move involves a pupil moving to a new school in a planned manner, usually at some time during a school year, and usually for the following reasons:

- being at risk of permanent exclusion;
- experiencing difficulties because of inappropriate peer relationships, or
- the relationship of trust between school and home has broken down.

## 2

A managed move:

- can be proposed by the parent or by the school;
- must be agreed in advance by the schools concerned, the child and the parent;
- is for a fixed period, normally 6 weeks;
- enables education to be provided at the receiving school while the child remains on roll at the home school;
- may be terminated at any stage by the Headteacher of the receiving school;
- will take into account home to school transport implications.

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A **formal** managed move can only proceed after the original school has discussed the case with a team member from the Inclusion Team.

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Schools reaching an **informal** agreement for a pupil to have a trial in a second school for reasons other than their being at risk of permanent exclusion is not classed as a formal managed move by the local authority. Transport from the local authority will not be available if the move is successful.

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A successful managed move should use a solution orientated approach in response to the pupil's difficulties and should only be considered after all other strategies to support the learner have been exhausted.

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A managed move is therefore not appropriate when the child:

- is a persistent non-attender;
- is seeking a straightforward transfer to another school;
- isn't on the roll of a school or is home educated;
- would **not** return to the home school if the placement was unsuccessful.

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For pupils with statements of SEND or Education Health and Care Plans, any change of school needs to be agreed and allocated through the review process and must involve the SEND Team.

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Schools should not use threat of a permanent exclusion to persuade an unwilling parent to accept a managed move.

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Advising parents to remove their child from roll and around 'education otherwise' or at home is not in compliance with statutory guidance for Elective Home Education and is not recommended.

# 10

When a formal managed move for a pupil is successful then a funding transfer from the original to the new school is arranged.

The local authority does not hold any funding centrally to support managed moves.



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