

committee to change the school's decision.

If you disagree with the appeal committee, you can ask the court to change the school's decision. You should get advice about doing this first. If you are under 16, you can ask your parent(s) to appeal for you if you prefer.

If your exclusion is because of something which is caused by a disability, you may be able to ask the court to help. You can also contact the Disability Rights Commission on 08457 622 633 or [www.drc-gb.org](http://www.drc-gb.org).

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# Help!

## I've been excluded



If you are excluded from school, you still have rights. This leaflet explains them

## **Help! I've been excluded**

This leaflet is for children and young people who need extra help at school. It is also available in Braille, audio and other languages.

### **What is exclusion ?**

Exclusion is when you are not allowed to go to school any more. Sometimes it means someone is not allowed at school for a few days.

Sometimes it means someone is not allowed back at school at all.

### **Can the school exclude me ?**

The law says that the school is

only allowed to exclude you if either:

- a) your parent(s) are breaking school rules or allowing you to break school rules; or
- b) you staying at school would be very disruptive or make it more difficult for other children to learn.

### **What about my education ?**

Even if you are excluded from school you still have rights to get education.

Your parent(s) and the Council have to make sure that you still get education. You may be

sent to go to another school, even for a short time.

Otherwise, education may be provided at home, at a library or somewhere else instead.

If you have a Record of Needs, then you should continue to get the extra help you need even if you have been excluded.

### **What can I do about it ?**

If you think that your exclusion was unfair, you can appeal against the exclusion. This means that you can ask a