

THURROCK SCHOOLS FORUM REPORT

DATE: 01 October 2026

SUBJECT: Permanent Exclusions funding arrangements 2026/27

REPORT OF: Michele Lucas

THE REPORT IS: For Decision

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides an update relating to the contribution to the education of permanently excluded children which was agreed by Schools Forum in March 2025.
- 1.2 To update the financial contribution, we will seek from schools from September 2026 to support children and young people who have been permanently excluded.
- 1.3 To continue on the principal of funding following the child or young person.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Schools' Forum members are asked to approve the increase in the financial contribution from Schools from September 2026 as shown in Appendix A.

3. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 To seek agreement from Schools Forum to update the financial for pupils permanently excluded from mainstream schools and academies.

4. BACKGROUND –NUMBER OF PERMANENT EXCLUSIONS

- 4.1 Table 1 details the number of permanent exclusions by academic year since 2016/17.

Table 1 Number of Permanent Exclusions by Academic Year

Academic year	Primary	Secondary	Total
2016/17	4	19	23
2017/18	16	27	43
2018/19	9	35	44
2019/20	2	29	31
2020/21	1	25	26
2021/22	2	35	37
2022/23	2	23	25
2023/24	5	44	49
2024/25	6	26	32
2025/26	3	29	32

- 4.2 The lower level of permanent exclusions has offered some support to the High Needs Block, however the continued pressure on the high needs expenditure remains unsustainable.
- 4.3 The LA buys places for excluded pupils upfront from Alternative Providers or Specialist Resource bases to ensure that permanently excluded pupils have access to education (6-day provision). There is a finite amount of DSG budget that the LA can use to do this with and if the number of places is exceeded then additional budget will need to be found to spot purchase places. The contributions received from schools has supported with some of the DSG overspend in high needs funding.

5. MAINSTREAM SCHOOLS EXCLUSION CHARGES

- 5.1 The methodology for the calculation of exclusion charges for mainstream pupils is set out within the School Finance Regulations.
- 5.2 The purpose of the charge is to provide a contribution to the cost of alternative school provision as part of the arrangements for pupils educated out of school and if the pupil is admitted to another mainstream school within the funding period, the admitting school's will receive the budget share in accordance with the complete weeks remaining in the funding period during which the pupil is a pupil at the admitting school.
- 5.3 The School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations states that, where a child is permanently excluded, the Local Authority must re-determine an excluding school's budget share.

6. CURRENT METHOD USED IN THURROCK

- 6.1 For excluded pupils, the charges will be as per the Schools and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations. This means that when a pupil is permanently excluded, the authority will re-determine the excluding school's budget share. The excluding school's budget share will be reduced by the per pupil rate at individual school level, as shown in Appendix A, and any pupil premium attributable to the child. This will be pro-rated based on the weeks remaining in the funding period.
- 6.2 The funding period is the academic year.
- 6.3 At the date of the permanent exclusion the financial information available will be used to determine the funding to be withdrawn or provided. No retrospective adjustment will be made.
- 6.4 The charge to be calculated will be the full funding period.
- 6.5 In a small number of cases, a school will agree to admit a pupil outside of the October census date, in these cases an individual discussion will be held on the funding to be withdrawn unique to the individual circumstances surrounding the child.

7. REFERENCES TO OTHER KEY DOCUMENTS / PREVIOUS REPORTS

- 7.1 School Forum Report 13-03-25 - Permanent Exclusions 2025/26

8. CONTACT DETAILS OF LEAD OFFICER / AUTHOR

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Thurrock School Funding Formula - Individual School Level Values**Appendix A**

LAESTAB	Phase	School Name	Per Pupil Value 2025/26	Per Pupil Value 2026/27
8833822	Primary	Abbots Hall Primary School	£5,151.33	£5,403.18
8832439	Primary	Arthur Bugler Primary School	£5,134.97	£5,531.40
8832014	Primary	Aveley Primary School	£5,554.54	£5,872.96
8832542	Primary	Belmont Castle Academy	£5,286.10	£5,558.57
8832003	Primary	Benyon Primary School	£5,615.32	£5,863.64
8832722	Primary	Bonnygate Primary School	£5,557.53	£5,994.62
8832013	Primary	Bulphan Church of England Academy	£8,062.14	£8,430.69
8832011	Primary	Chadwell St Mary Primary School	£6,155.93	£6,460.42
8832462	Primary	Deneholm Primary School	£5,304.73	£5,547.78
8832622	Primary	Dilkes Academy	£5,441.84	£5,719.18
8832824	Primary	East Tilbury Primary School	£5,396.83	£5,744.15
8832942	Primary	Giffards Primary School	£5,303.49	£5,615.33
8832137	Primary	Graham James Primary Academy	£5,146.34	£5,419.48
8832987	Primary	Harris Primary Academy Chafford Hundred	£4,999.09	£5,149.19
8832008	Primary	Harris Primary Academy Mayflower	£4,970.66	£5,148.30
8832644	Primary	Herringham Primary Academy	£6,018.61	£6,448.21
8833605	Primary	Holy Cross Catholic Primary School	£5,744.82	£6,155.63
8835281	Primary	Horndon-On-the-Hill CofE Primary School	£5,414.53	£5,670.60
8835266	Primary	Kenningtons Primary Academy	£5,346.73	£5,653.00
8832000	Primary	Lansdowne Primary Academy	£6,112.20	£6,511.83
8832015	Primary	Little Thurrock Primary School	£5,024.55	£5,397.84
8832006	Primary	Mossbourne Herd Lane.	£5,195.92	£5,505.98
8833502	Primary	Orsett Church of England Primary School	£5,251.25	£5,480.54
8832002	Primary	Purfleet Primary Academy	£5,806.23	£6,078.75
8832005	Primary	Quarry Hill Academy	£5,573.98	£5,843.23
8832985	Primary	Shaw Primary Academy	£5,649.58	£5,977.28
8832429	Primary	Somers Heath Primary School	£5,586.84	£5,963.55
8833512	Primary	St Joseph's Catholic Primary School	£5,804.67	£6,486.02
8833522	Primary	St Mary's Catholic Primary School	£6,015.71	£6,371.92
8833603	Primary	St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School	£5,281.97	£5,597.36
8832004	Primary	Stanford-Le-Hope Primary School	£5,327.01	£5,663.72
8832009	Primary	Stifford Clays Primary School	£5,297.59	£5,610.00
8832001	Primary	Thameside Primary School	£5,660.10	£5,984.20
8832024	Primary	The Gateway Primary Free School	£6,119.18	£6,412.78
8832007	Primary	Tilbury Pioneer Academy	£6,098.87	£6,461.99
8832984	Primary	Tudor Court Primary School	£4,984.48	£5,241.54
8832078	Primary	Warren Primary School	£4,981.39	£5,289.06
8832592	Primary	West Thurrock Academy	£5,405.71	£5,798.71
8832472	Primary	Woodside Academy	£5,216.26	£5,542.00

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8834733	Secondary	Grays Convent High School	£7,216.04	£7,633.98
8834394	Secondary	Harris Academy Chafford Hundred	£6,844.69	£7,281.94
8834003	Secondary	Harris Academy Ockendon	£7,421.25	£7,838.63
8834002	Secondary	Harris Academy Riverside	£7,378.62	£7,798.32
8835439	Secondary	Mossbourne Fobbing	£7,144.30	£7,543.15
8834001	Secondary	Mossbourne Port Side	£7,915.76	£8,389.78
8836906	Secondary	Ormiston Park Academy	£7,828.08	£8,236.35
8834004	Secondary	Orsett Heath Academy	£7,245.75	£7,517.25
8835440	Secondary	St Clere's School	£7,253.47	£7,666.21
8834005	Secondary	Thames Park Secondary School	£7,480.67	£7,897.07
8836905	Secondary	The Gateway Academy	£8,137.85	£8,479.65
8834000	Secondary	The Hathaway Academy	£7,764.66	£8,346.12
8835438	Secondary	William Edwards School	£7,111.25	£7,568.03