

## North Northamptonshire Schools Forum: June 2023

### Permanent Exclusion Clawback 22-23

#### 1. Background

NNC in accordance with DFE guidance “*Exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England Statutory guidance for those with legal responsibilities in relation to exclusion, DFE, 2017*” consulted with schools through NNC schools forum in December 2022 to continue the clawback agreed with schools in 2021-22 for pupils permanently excluded. The level of funding would be in line with government guidance namely “*The school and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2022*”. This was agreed and the following paper shows breakdown of the clawback for 2022-23. Clawback funding is returned to the DSG and used to support pupils and schools.

**Table 1. Summary Breakdown of Clawback 2022-23**

Number of Primary Pupils Permanently Excluded	9						
Number of Secondary Pupils Permanently Excluded	82						
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Table 1 shows the breakdown of permanent for the financial year 22-23. The total number of permanent exclusions were 91. The table shows 9.9% of the pupils that were excluded were primary age pupils.

**Table 2. Summary of Clawback by phase based on agreed formula**

Primary Clawback	£32,062
Secondary Clawback	£387,187
Total Clawback	£419,250

Table 2 shows the total clawback for pupils as £419,250. The primary share of the clawback is 7.6% of the overall clawback.

**Table 3. Breakdown of permanent exclusions by year group**

Year	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11
Pupils	1	1	2	3	3		10	15	23	28	6

Shown in Table 3 is the year group that pupils were permanently excluded. This shows a gradual increase in permanent exclusions in primary schools and greater increase up to year 10 in secondary schools. One implication is the need to continue to invest in early support for pupils in both phases so that behaviours do not develop in later years.

**Table 4 Breakdown by Localities**

Area	Primary Schools	Secondary Schools	Although Schools	Total Schools	Total Pupils	Clawback
Corby		5		5	10	£62,424
Kettering	3	4	1	8	19	£88,860
Wellingborough	3	4		7	42	£173,395
East. Northants		5		5	17	£84,271
Out of County		2			3	£10,303

Table 4 shows the breakdown by localities. Wellingborough has the highest number of permanent exclusions. In Wellingborough 2 schools account for 27 permanent exclusions in 2022-23 .

**Table 5 Expenditure on provision for pupils permanently excluded in NNC 2022-23.**

Expenditure	
Bespoke Packages /Teaching Personal Home Tuition	£575,566
Alternative Provision -CE Academy	£553,232
Alternative Provision -Progress Schools	£225,419
Alternative Provision -Re-Focus School	£124,169
Alternative Provision -Catch 22 Spires Academy	£195,118

Table 5. The LA spent £1,673,504 for pupils enrolled in the different provisions related to excluded pupil. The AP costs will increase in 2023-24 some in line with inflation and some at a higher rate.

**Conclusion.**

There is a need to continue this clawback in the short term. The LA is continuing to develop its strategy to reduce permanent exclusions. The outreach provisions and secondary pilots have been positively received by schools The LA will continue to develop these whilst also engaging with our current alternative providers and as well as new ones to deliver provision for pupils at risk of exclusions in line with the DFE green paper on the future of special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and alternative provision (AP) system, **SEND Review: right support, right place, right time, DFE,2022**

On this basis there is no proposal to change the Clawback Policy as agreed by schools forum 2021-22.