**Model Letter 1:**

**From Head Teacher (or Teacher in Charge of a PRU) notifying parent of a suspension of 5 days or fewer in one term, and where a public examination is not missed.**

Dear **[parent’s name]**

I am writing to inform you of my decision to suspend **[child’s name]** for a period of **[number of days]** days. This means that he/she will not be allowed in school for this period. The suspension will start on **[date]** until the **[date].** Your child should return to school on **[date].**

I realise that this suspension may well be upsetting for you and your family, but the decision to suspend **[child’s name]** has not been taken lightly. **[Child’s name]** has been suspended for this period because **[reason for suspension].**

You have a duty to ensure that your child is not present in a public place in school hours during this suspension on **[specify dates]**. I must advise you that you may receive a penalty notice from the Local Authority if your child is present in a public place during school hours on the specified dates unless there is reasonable justification.

We will set work for **[child’s name]** to be completed on the days specified in the previous paragraph. **[Detail the arrangements for this].** Please ensure that work set by the school is completed and returned to us promptly for marking.

You have the right to make representations about this decision to the Governing Board. If you wish to make representations please contact **[Name of contact]** on/at **[contact details – address, phone number, email]** as soon as possible**.** The governing board must consider any representations you wish to make but it cannot direct reinstatement and is not required to arrange a meeting with parents.

You should also be aware that if you think the exclusion relates to a disability your child has, and you think disability discrimination has occurred, you have the right to make a claim under the Equality Act 2010 to the First Tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) or the County Court (for other forms of discrimination).

Making a claim would not affect your right to make representations to the Governing Board.

You **[and your child]** are requested to attend a reintegration interview with me **[alternatively, specify the name of another staff member]** at **[place]** on **[date]** at **[time].** If that is not convenient, please contact the school to arrange a suitable alternative date and time. The purpose of the reintegration interview is to discuss how best your child’s return to school can be managed.

You may find it useful to contact the following services who will be able to offer you free and impartial advice:

The Coram Children’s Legal Centre on 0345 345 4345 [www.childrenslegalcentre.com](http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com)

 Ace Education on 03000 115 142 Monday to Wednesday from 10am to 1pm during term time. [www.ace-ed.org.uk](http://www.ace-ed.org.uk)

Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (known as IPSEA – www.ipsea.org.uk) is a registered charity. It offers free and independent information, advice and support to help get the right education for children and young people with all kinds of special educational needs (SEN) and disabilities.

SEN Information Advice & Support Services Network (formerly known as the local parent partnership) on 01245 204338 <https://www.essexsendiass.co.uk/>

**[Child’s name]’s** exclusion expires on **[date]** and we expect **[child’s name]** to be back in school on **[date]** at **[time]**.

Yours sincerely

**[Name]**

Headteacher