**Model Letter 4:From Head Teacher (or Teacher in Charge of a PRU) notifying parent of that pupil’s permanent exclusion.**

Dear **[Parent’s name]**

I am writing to inform you of my decision to permanently exclude **[child’s name]** with effect from **[specify date]**. This means that he/she will not be allowed in this school/PRU unless he/she is reinstated by the School’s Governing Board.

I realise that this exclusion may well be upsetting for you and your family, but the decision to exclude **[Child’s name]** has not been taken lightly. **[Child’s name]** has been excluded because **[reason for exclusion- include any other relevant previous history].**

You have a duty to ensure that your child is not present in a public place in school hours during this exclusion on **[specify dates]** unless there is reasonable justification for this. 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. If so, it will be for you to show reasonable justification.

Alternative arrangements for **[child’s name]** education to continue will be made. For the first five school days of the exclusion we will set work for **[child’s name]** and would ask you to ensure this work is completed and returned promptly to school for marking. From the sixth school day of the exclusion onwards – i.e from **[specify date]** the Local Authority,will provide suitable full-time education.

**[Where the pupil lives in a local authority other than the excluding school’s local authority]**

I have also **today** informed **[name of officer]** at **[name of local authority]** of your child’s exclusion and they will be in touch with you about arrangements for [his/her] education from the sixth school day of exclusion. You can contact them at **[contact details]**

As this is a permanent exclusion the school’s Governing Board must meet to consider the exclusion. The latest date by which the Governing Board must meet is **[specify date – no later than the 15 school days from the date which the Governing Board were notified of this exclusion].**

At the hearing you and your child, if they are over the age of eighteen, may make representations to the Governing Board. The Governing Board can either reinstate your child immediately or on a particular date or decline reinstatement. If the reinstatement is declined, you have the right to request an Independent Review. If you do wish to make representations and wish to be accompanied by a friend or representative, please contact **[Name of contact]** on/at **[contact details – address, phone number, email]** as soon as possible.

You will be notified by the Clerk to the Governing Board of the time, date and location of this meeting.Please advise if you have a disability or special needs which would affect your ability to attend or take part in a meeting at the school. Also, please inform **[contact]** if it would be helpful for you to have an interpreter at the meeting.

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 Body.

The Department for education has published guidance for parents and carers on behaviour, suspension and permanent exclusion, which can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusions-guide-for-parents>

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

* <https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/about-us-0/networks/informationadvice-and-support-services-network>

• Coram’s Child Law Advice service can be found through their website <https://childlawadvice.org.uk/information-pages/school-exclusion/> or contacted on 0300 330 5485 from Monday to Friday, 8am – 6pm.

• Independent Provider of Special Education Advice (known as IPSEA – [www.ipsea.org.uk](http://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.

* The Coram Children’s Legal Centre on 0345 345 4345 [www.childrenslegalcentre.com](http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com)
* SEN Information Advice & Support Services Network (formerly known as the local parent partnership) on 01245 204338 <https://www.essexsendiass.co.uk/>

You may wish to contact Education Access at Essex County Council - 03330 131157 or 03330 131150.

Yours sincerely

**[Name]**

Headteacher