**DfE Reasons for Exclusion**

September 2020 saw the introduction of 5 new exclusion reasons. The expansion of exclusion reasons aims to give schools more scope for accurately coding the reasons for exclusion as outlined below.

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| **New Exclusion Codes** | **New Pupil Exclusion Reason** |
| OW | Use or threat of use of an offensive weapon or prohibited item |
| LG | Abuse against sexual orientation and gender identity |
| DS | Abuse relating to disability |
| MT | Inappropriate use of social media or online technology |
| PH | Wilful and repeated transgression of protective measures in place to protect public health |

The table below provides a full set of the descriptors of reasons for exclusions. This is to be used as a guide and is not intended to be used as a tick list for exclusions.

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| **PP** | **Physical assault against pupil** |
| **PA** | **Physical assault against adult** |
| **VP** | **Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against pupil** |
| **VA** | **Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against adult** |
| **BU** | **Bullying**  |
| **RA** | **Racist abuse** |
| **SM** | **Sexual misconduct** |
| **DA** | **Drug and alcohol related** |
| **DM** | **Damage to property** |
| **TH** | **Theft** |
| **DB** | **Persistent or general disruptive behaviour** |

From September 2020 the DfE gives schools the opportunity to utilise up to three reasons for any exclusion. Schools will be able to record a main reason and, if required, a second and third.