

Pastoral Support Plans Factsheet

What is Pastoral Support Plan?

A Pastoral Support Plan (PSP) is a detailed support plan written and agreed between you, your child and their school. Its purpose is to improve your child's behaviour, so they are no longer at risk of exclusion.

A PSP might be necessary if your child's behaviour at school means they could be:

- At risk of permanent exclusion
- Have had several suspensions yet no improvement in their behaviour
- Are behaving in ways that prevent school progress and achievement

Setting up a PSP

If your school believes your child could benefit from a PSP, they will invite you and your child to a meeting. At this meeting, the following will be discussed:

- Your child's behaviour
- Why your child may be acting this way
- Specific targets to improve behaviour
- Details of staff and support services involved, as well as referrals that could be made for further help
- Details of support strategies to be used
- Rewards given to your child if behaviour improves
- Warnings or punishments if poor behaviour continues
- Assistance given to your child to help improve behaviour, as well as practical support with schoolwork
- Pastoral support details for your child if they are upset
- How parents can support and deliver this plan
- What your child must do for this plan to be considered successful
- Review dates, times and place

Implementing the PSP

You, your child and the school must meet every 2 weeks to review your child's behavioural progress. In these fortnightly meetings, you should discuss whether the target is being met, if the correct support is in place, and if there needs to be alterations to the plan.

PSPs are intended to be short term, usually for up to a maximum of 16 working weeks.



This Hounslow SEND Local Offer website link may provide you with more information on PSPs:

Ordinarily available provision | SEN support in schools | London Borough of Hounslow

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