

ANNUAL EXCLUSIONS REPORT 2017/18

Report of the Head of Education and Learning

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Cabinet (and confirmation under the provisions of the Council's Constitution) before taking effect.

Recommendation:

To note the annual report and discuss

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#### **1. Background/Introduction**

The report provides an annual overview of exclusions in Devon benchmarked against the latest National Data. As there is a lengthy delay in the publication of Exclusions data by the Department for Education, 2017/18 figures are based on local data (subject to change) whilst 2016/17 and earlier years are based on Department for Education published data<sup>1</sup>.

#### **2. Main Text**

For information relating to actions being taken to reduce exclusions please refer to the Devon Inclusion Project update.

#### **1.1 Permanent Exclusions Summary**

The number of permanent exclusions notified to the Local Authority rose again last year, however, twentyone cases (14.7%) were overturned at either the Governor Disciplinary Hearing or at Independent Review Hearing. Therefore, ratified permanent exclusions have fallen significantly in the last year and are now at 0.12% of the pupil population. The latest comparable data is 2016/17 and compared to this Devon remains above the DfE national average of 0.10%. Conversations with other Local Authorities indicate that nationally the rate will have risen in 2017/18 but this will not be confirmed until next year.

| Year                                                                  | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
|                                                                       | Nos     | Nos     | Nos     | No's    | No's          |
| Total Number of Permanent Exclusions upheld                           | 73      | 63      | 87      | 134     | 118           |
| Devon Exclusion Rate (exclusions as % of school pop'n) <sup>(2)</sup> | 0.08%   | 0.07%   | 0.09%   | 0.14%   | 0.12%         |
| Department for Education Exclusion Rate <sup>(3)</sup>                | 0.06%   | 0.07%   | 0.08%   | 0.10%   | not available |

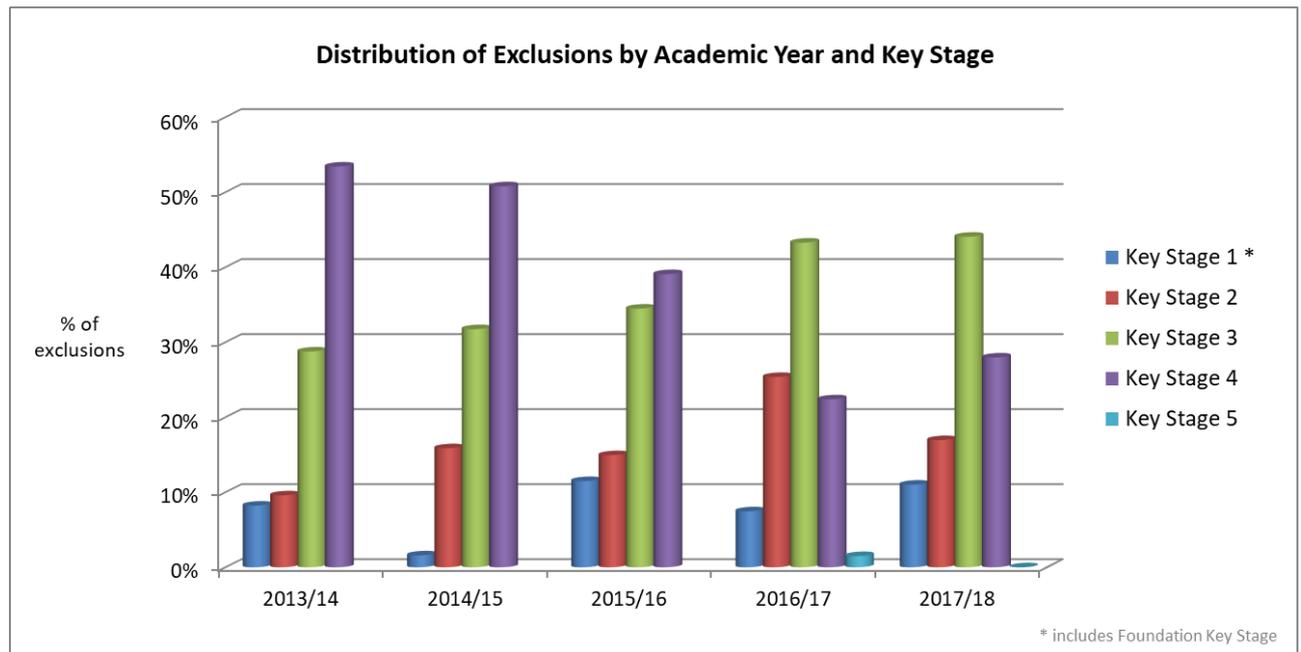
<sup>1</sup> data sources: 2017/18: ONE database, 2016/17 and earlier: DfE Statistics Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions from Schools in England: 2016 to 2017 academic year (National tables, LA tables, Underlying Data: LA Characteristics), published July 2018.

<sup>2</sup> School population figures based on numbers on roll in each Spring School Census, sole or main registrations in state funded primary, secondary, all-through and special schools.

<sup>3</sup> DfE Statistics, Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions from Schools in England: 2016 to 2017 academic year

## 1.2 Permanent Exclusions by Key Stages

If we consider the distribution of the exclusions across the key stages, we see that the majority of Devon’s exclusions continue to occur in Key Stage 3. Pre-2015 the largest numbers would have been seen in Key Stage 4. This change is also seen nationally. It does however indicate that young people are being permanently excluded from school at a younger age.



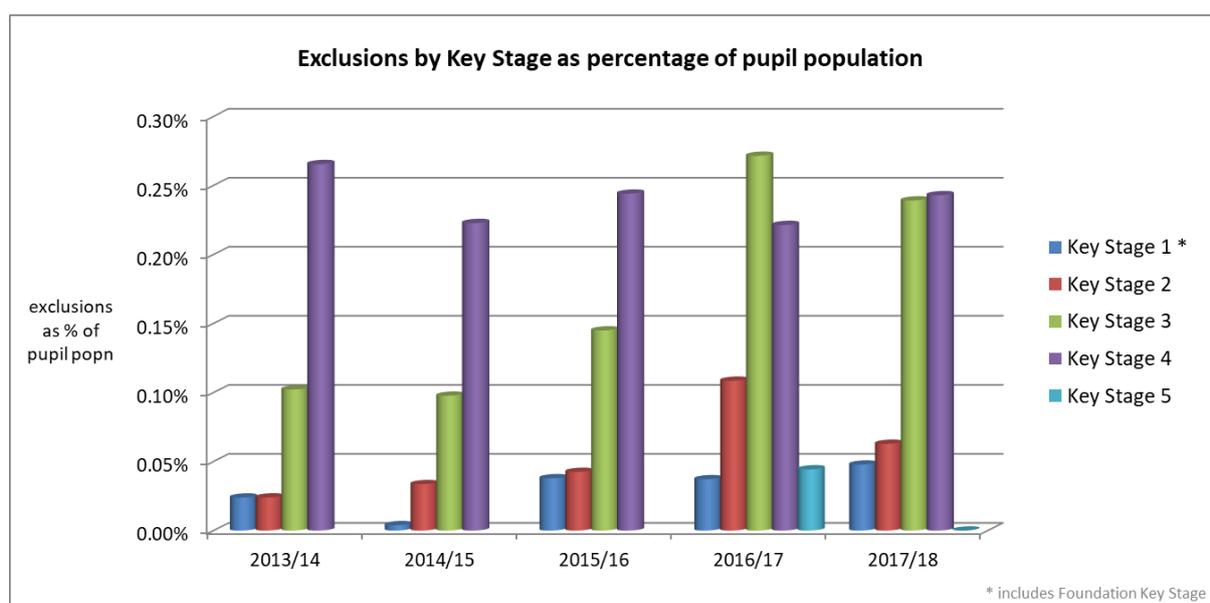
|                                 | 2013/14 |     | 2014/15 |     | 2015/16 |     | 2016/17 |     | DfE 2016/17<br>% distribution of<br>perm excns <sup>(1)</sup> | 2017/18 |     |
|---------------------------------|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----|
|                                 | No's    | %   | No's    | %   | No's    | %   | No's    | %   |                                                               | No's    | %   |
| Key Stage 1<br>(inc Foundation) | 6       | 8%  | 1       | 2%  | 10      | 11% | 10      | 7%  | 4.1%                                                          | 13      | 11% |
| Key Stage 2                     | 7       | 10% | 10      | 16% | 13      | 15% | 34      | 25% | 12.8%                                                         | 20      | 17% |
| Key Stage 3                     | 21      | 29% | 20      | 32% | 30      | 34% | 58      | 43% | 46.2%                                                         | 52      | 44% |
| Key Stage 4                     | 39      | 53% | 32      | 51% | 34      | 39% | 30      | 22% | 36.1%                                                         | 33      | 28% |
| Key Stage 5                     | -       | -   | -       | -   | -       | -   | 2       | 1%  | 0.8%                                                          | -       | -   |

Note:

1. DfE percentages of permanent exclusions taken from DfE Statistics Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions from Schools in England: 2016 to 2017 (Key Stage based on pupils' NCY Table 3), published July 18

## Permanent Exclusions by Key Stages as a percentage of the pupil population

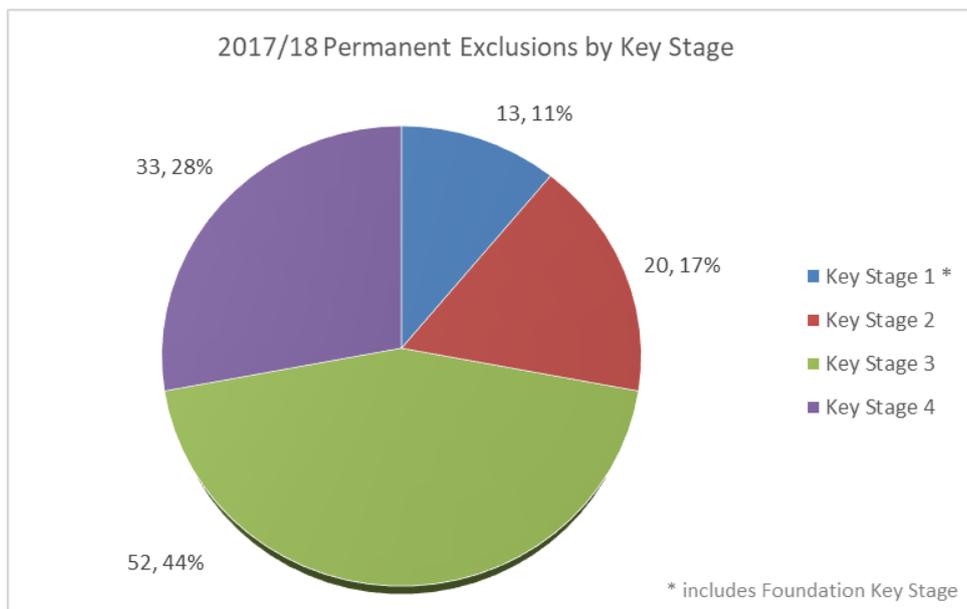
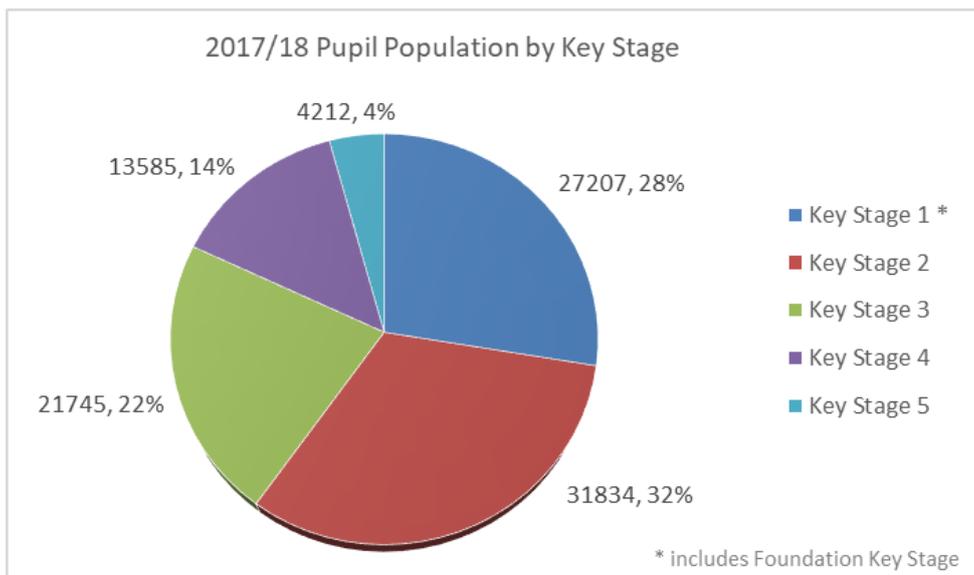
It should be noted that Key Stage 4 covers two academic year groups, whereas Key Stage 3 covers three academic year groups and Key Stage 2 covers four academic year groups. When reviewed as a percentage of pupil population, Key Stage 4 exclusions have risen slightly compared to last year whilst Key Stage 2 and 3 exclusions have fallen. This brings us closer to that seen nationally and is also reflected in fixed term exclusions. The graph and subsequent table below provide further information.



|                              | 2013/14 |           | 2014/15 |           | 2015/16 |       | 2016/17 |           | DfE 2016/17 % of perm excns <sup>(1)</sup> | 2017/18 |           |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|---------|-----------|--------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
|                              | No's    | % of popn | No's    | % of popn | No's    | No's  | No's    | % of popn |                                            | No's    | % of popn |
| Key Stage 1 (inc Foundation) | 6       | 0.02%     | 1       | 0.004%    | 10      | 0.04% | 10      | 0.04%     | 0.01%                                      | 13      | 0.05%     |
| Key Stage 2                  | 7       | 0.02%     | 10      | 0.03%     | 13      | 0.04% | 34      | 0.11%     | 0.04%                                      | 20      | 0.06%     |
| Key Stage 3                  | 21      | 0.10%     | 20      | 0.10%     | 30      | 0.14% | 58      | 0.27%     | 0.20%                                      | 52      | 0.24%     |
| Key Stage 4                  | 39      | 0.27%     | 32      | 0.22%     | 34      | 0.24% | 30      | 0.22%     | 0.26%                                      | 33      | 0.24%     |
| Key Stage 5                  | -       | -         | -       | -         | -       | -     | 2       | 0.04%     | 0.014%                                     |         |           |

1. DfE percentages of permanent exclusions taken from DfE Statistics Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions from Schools in England: 2016 to 2017 (Underlying Data from LA characteristics Tables), published July 18.

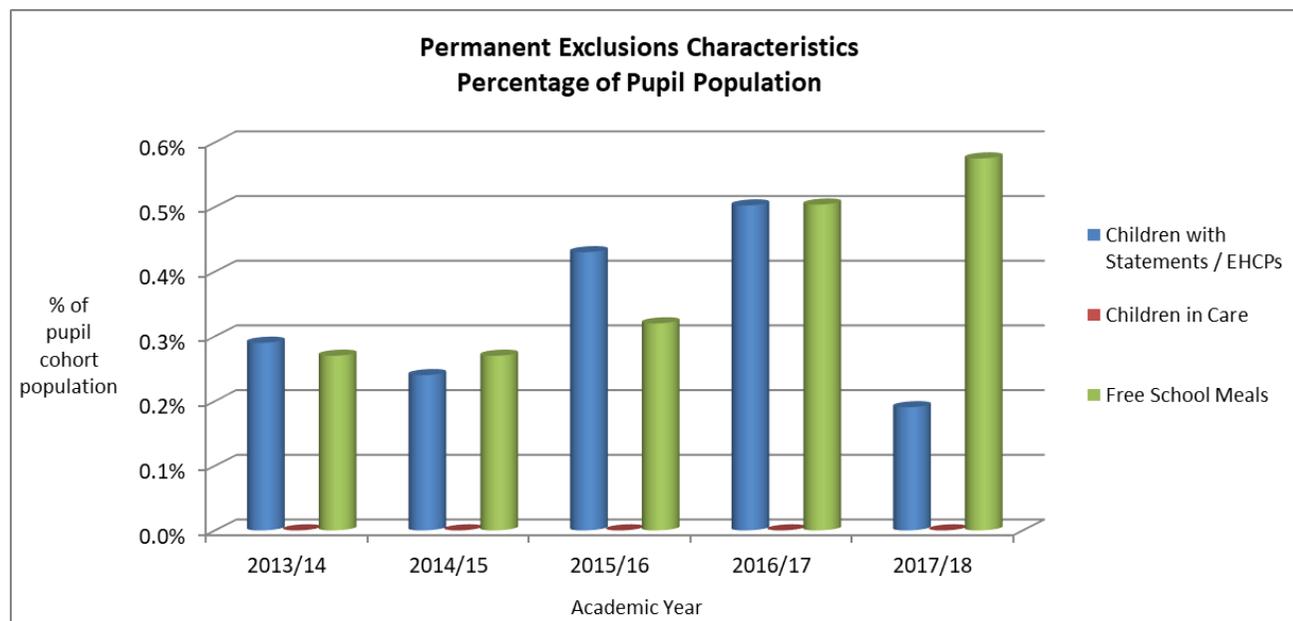
To provide a visualisation of the impact of the size of the cohort in comparison to the number of exclusions, the charts below illustrate the overall school population by each Key Stage and the Permanent Exclusions by Key Stage. For example, by comparing the segments we can see there is a smaller percentage of Exclusions at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 when compared to the percentage of pupil populations at these Key Stages.



Data source: pupil population Spring 2018 School Census Return, exclusions ONE database 22/08/18

### 1.3 Permanent Exclusions by Pupil Characteristics

The percentage of pupils with statements or EHCPs subject to a permanent exclusion has significantly reduced in the last year. In 2017/18, 0.19% were permanently excluded (5 of 2,626 pupils) compared to 0.5% in 2016/17 (14 of 2,787 pupils). There has been no permanent exclusion for a Child in Care since 2013. This is a reflection of our newly rewritten Eliminating Exclusions for Children in Care protocol. The percentage of Free School Meal pupils subject to a permanent exclusion has risen slightly (0.57% compared to 0.5% in 2016/17). This is due to a significantly reduced cohort of pupils being eligible for FSM<sup>1</sup>.



| Exclusions against;                   | 2013/14 |          |                  | 2014/15 |          |                  | 2015/16 |          |                  | 2016/17 |          |                  |             | DfE 2016/17 % of perm excns <sup>(3)</sup> | 2017/18 |          |                  |             |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------|-------------|
|                                       | No's    | % of PEX | % of pupil pop'n | No's    | % of PEX | % of pupil pop'n | No's    | % of PEX | % of pupil pop'n | No's    | % of PEX | % of pupil pop'n | Pupil pop'n |                                            | No's    | % of PEX | % of pupil pop'n | Pupil pop'n |
| Children with Statements/EHCPs        | 10      | 14%      | 0.29%            | 8       | 13%      | 0.24%            | 13      | 15%      | 0.43%            | 14      | 10%      | 0.50%            | 2787        | 0.16%                                      | 5       | 4%       | 0.19%            | 2626        |
| Children in Care (CiC) <sup>(2)</sup> | 0       | -        | -                | 0       | -        | -                | 0       | -        | -                | 0       | -        | -                | 477         | not available                              | -       | -        | -                | 493         |
| Free School Meals                     | 29      | 40%      | 0.27%            | 32      | 51%      | 0.27%            | 39      | 45%      | 0.32%            | 64      | 48%      | 0.50%            | 12708       | 0.28%                                      | 54      | 46%      | 0.57%            | 9392        |

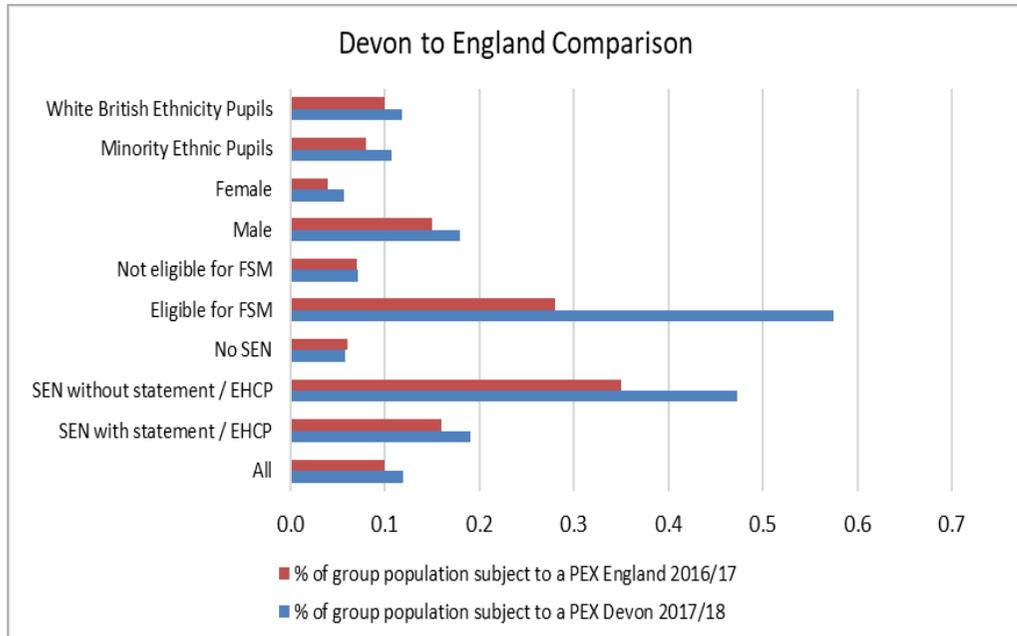
1. Eligibility check undertaken by the Free School Meals team in Autumn 2017 which informed the Spring 2018 School Census

2. Children in Care school population has been taken from the Council's Virtual School Roll and is based on the number of children in care (of any funded LA) of school age attending a school in Devon
3. Latest DfE national rate taken from DfE Statistic Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions from Schools in England: 2016 to 2017 academic year, published July 2018.

The table below provides information on how the Devon cohorts of pupils compare against the most recent National published data.

| Permanent Exclusions<br>2017/18     | Number of<br>Children in<br>Devon PEX<br>Cohort | Group as a %<br>of PEX cohort | Number on Roll<br>cohorts for each<br>group (Spring 2018<br>Census) | Group as a %<br>of Devon NoR<br>cohort | Group is over or<br>under represented<br>by a factor of | % of group population subject to a PEX <sup>(1)</sup> |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                     |                                                 |                               |                                                                     |                                        |                                                         | Devon 2017/18                                         | England 2016/17 |
| All                                 | 118                                             | 100                           | 98620                                                               | 100                                    |                                                         | <b>0.12</b>                                           | 0.10            |
| <b>SEN with statement / EHCP</b>    | <b>5</b>                                        | <b>4.2</b>                    | <b>2626</b>                                                         | <b>2.7</b>                             | <b>1.59</b>                                             | <b>0.19</b>                                           | <b>0.16</b>     |
| <b>SEN without statement / EHCP</b> | <b>65</b>                                       | <b>55.1</b>                   | <b>13759</b>                                                        | <b>14.0</b>                            | <b>3.95</b>                                             | <b>0.47</b>                                           | <b>0.35</b>     |
| No SEN                              | 48                                              | 40.7                          | 82235                                                               | 83.4                                   | <b>0.49</b>                                             | 0.06                                                  | 0.06            |
| <b>Eligible for FSM</b>             | <b>54</b>                                       | <b>45.8</b>                   | <b>9392</b>                                                         | <b>9.5</b>                             | <b>4.81</b>                                             | <b>0.57</b>                                           | <b>0.28</b>     |
| Not eligible for FSM                | 64                                              | 54.2                          | 89228                                                               | 90.5                                   | <b>0.60</b>                                             | 0.07                                                  | 0.07            |
| <b>Male</b>                         | <b>91</b>                                       | <b>77.1</b>                   | <b>50705</b>                                                        | <b>51.4</b>                            | <b>1.50</b>                                             | <b>0.18</b>                                           | <b>0.15</b>     |
| Female                              | 27                                              | 22.9                          | 47915                                                               | 48.6                                   | <b>0.47</b>                                             | 0.06                                                  | 0.04            |
| <b>Minority Ethnic Pupils</b>       | <b>8</b>                                        | <b>6.8</b>                    | <b>7472</b>                                                         | <b>7.6</b>                             | <b>0.89</b>                                             | <b>0.11</b>                                           | <b>0.08</b>     |
| White British Ethnicity Pupils      | 106                                             | 89.8                          | 89440                                                               | 90.7                                   | <b>0.99</b>                                             | 0.12                                                  | 0.10            |

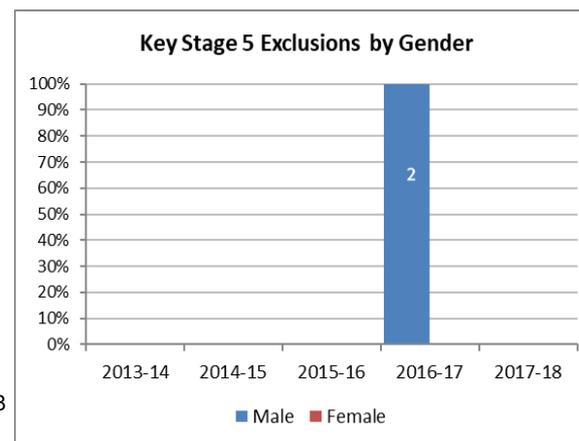
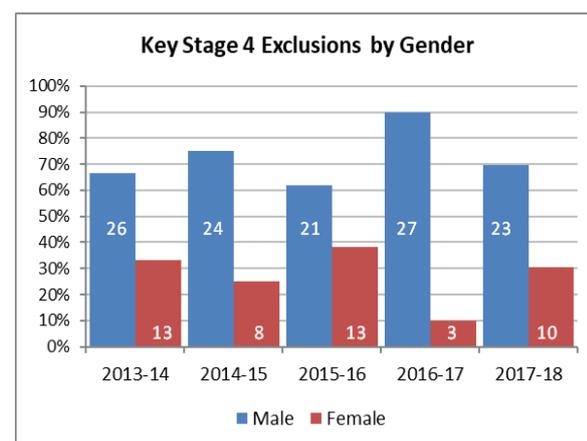
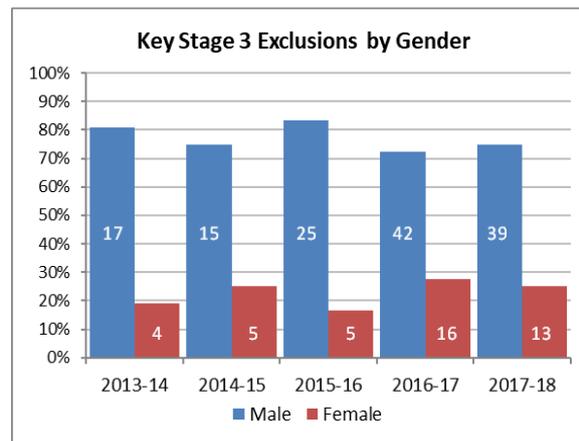
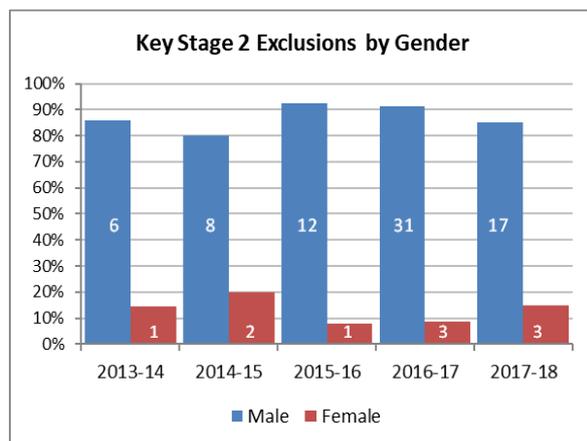
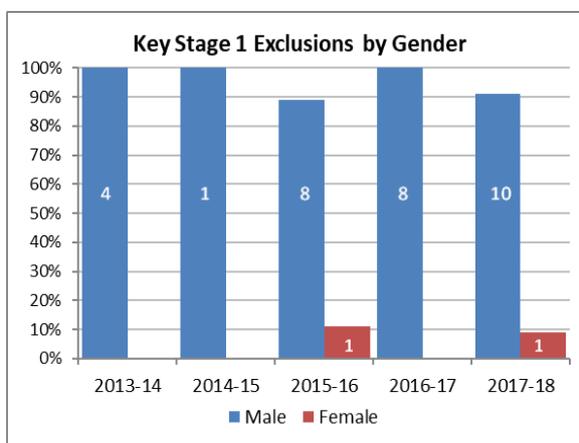
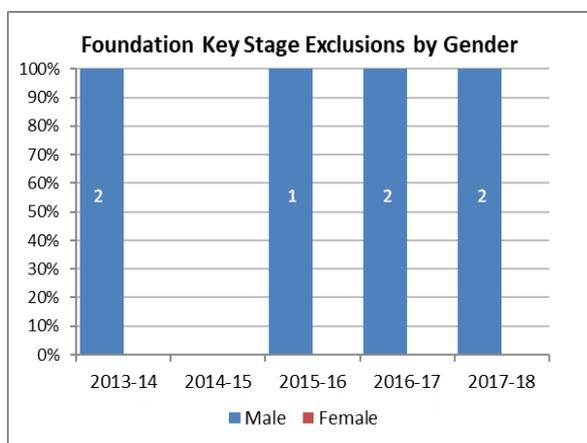
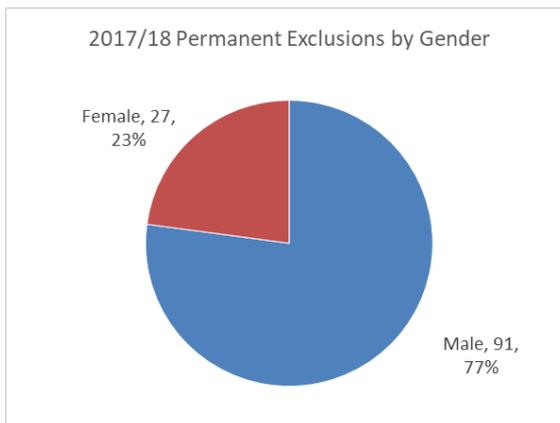
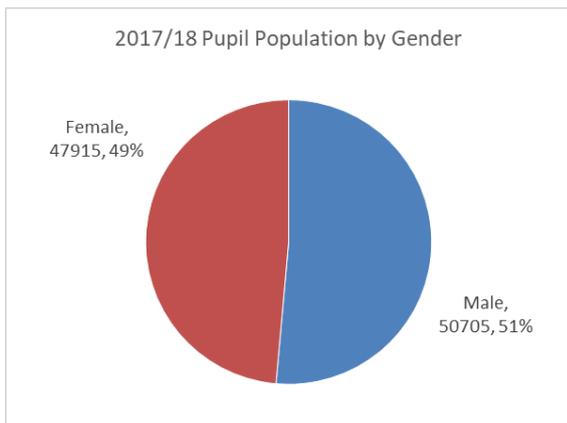
<sup>(1)</sup> The number of permanent exclusions expressed as a percentage of the number of pupils (including sole or dual main registrations pupils) of each group in January 2018 (national benchmark methodology).



In Devon and nationally, children in vulnerable groups are more likely to be permanently excluded than their peers; however, Devon's statistics show a higher likelihood of this than that seen nationally. This is particularly evident for children who are eligible for free school meals and those who have special educational needs. The Devon Inclusion Project is working to reduce the number of exclusions by working with schools throughout the County.

## 1.4 Permanent Exclusions by Gender and Key Stage

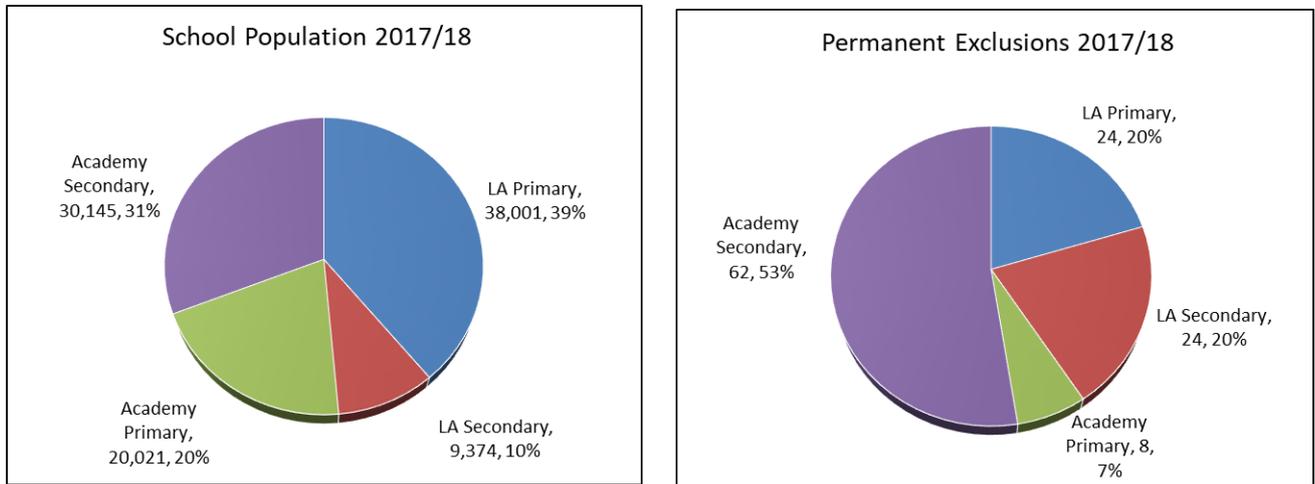
The percentage of permanent exclusions against boys has reduced in 2017/18 but continues to be significantly higher than girls.



## 1.5 Permanent Exclusions by School Type

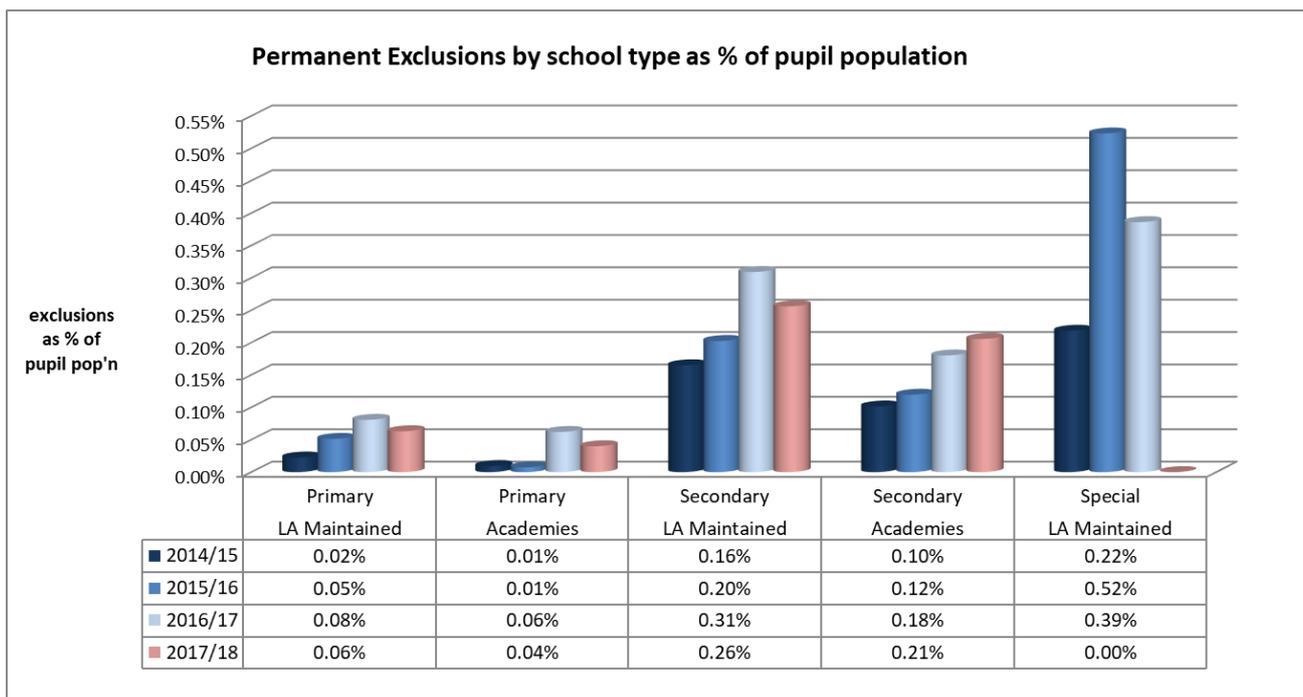
### Permanent Exclusions by school type as percentage of pupil population

The charts below illustrate the breakdown of the permanent exclusions and pupil population by school type to enable comparisons to be made. For example, 20% of permanent exclusions were from LA Maintained Primary Schools but these establishments have 39% of the pupil population.



Note: School status is based on January School Census return.

The percentage of pupils permanently excluded has fallen in both LA Maintained and Academy primary schools. At secondary phase, the percentage of pupils excluded in LA Maintained schools has fallen (from 0.31% to 0.26%) but it has risen in Academies (0.18% to 0.21%). The exclusion rate in LA Maintained special schools has fallen this year with no permanent exclusions in these schools.



Note: School status is based on January School Census return.

## 1.6 Permanent Exclusions by Learning Community

### Ranking by Permanent Exclusions as a percentage of pupil population

Please note the below information does not relate to individual schools but the groups of schools that form a learning community. Exeter West Exe Learning Community is on average the Local Learning Community with the highest exclusions as a percentage of its pupil population, followed by Dartmouth, Totnes and Barnstaple. However, in the last two years Dartmouth has been the Learning Community with the highest percentage of exclusions. In the last year Honiton and South Dartmoor have seen significant increases in exclusions as a percentage of their pupil population.

It should be noted that exclusions across communities can vary significantly year on year.

| Learning Community          | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2017/18    | 2017/18         | Ranking<br>(where 1 is highest % of exclusions) |         |         | Average Ranking<br>(over 4yrs) |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|
|                             | %       | %       | %       | LLC pupils | Excluded pupils | 2015/16                                         | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |                                |
| Axe Valley                  | 0.13%   | 0.13%   | 0.16%   | 3218       | 5               | 10                                              | 18      | 10      | 10                             |
| Barnstaple                  | 0.17%   | 0.15%   | 0.12%   | 6513       | 8               | 6                                               | 13      | 14      | 4                              |
| Bideford                    | 0.07%   | 0.12%   | 0.12%   | 4028       | 5               | 17                                              | 19      | 13      | 13                             |
| Braunton                    | 0.06%   | 0.06%   | 0.05%   | 1882       | 1               | 19                                              | 26      | 25      | 26                             |
| Chulmleigh                  | 0.22%   | 0.07%   | 0.20%   | 1469       | 3               | 3                                               | 24      | 6       | 6                              |
| Clyst Vale                  | 0.15%   | 0.11%   | 0.07%   | 3020       | 2               | 8                                               | 20      | 22      | 17                             |
| Crediton                    | 0.13%   | 0.19%   | 0.10%   | 3067       | 3               | 9                                               | 10      | 18      | 14                             |
| Culm Valley                 |         | 0.05%   | 0.13%   | 3990       | 5               | 26                                              | 28      | 12      | 26                             |
| Dartmouth                   | 0.11%   | 0.48%   | 0.36%   | 832        | 3               | 13                                              | 1       | 1       | 2                              |
| Dawlish                     | 0.17%   | 0.38%   | 0.04%   | 2324       | 1               | 7                                               | 2       | 26      | 16                             |
| Exeter - Beacon             | 0.08%   | 0.14%   | 0.21%   | 6670       | 14              | 16                                              | 15      | 5       | 11                             |
| Exeter - Central & Chestnut | 0.03%   | 0.05%   |         | 3786       |                 | 24                                              | 27      | 28      | 29                             |
| Exeter - West Exe           | 0.22%   | 0.28%   | 0.22%   | 3647       | 8               | 2                                               | 4       | 3       | 1                              |
| Exmouth                     | 0.12%   | 0.07%   | 0.17%   | 5856       | 10              | 11                                              | 25      | 7       | 20                             |
| Holsworthy                  | 0.26%   | 0.26%   | 0.07%   | 1515       | 1               | 1                                               | 5       | 23      | 5                              |
| Honiton                     |         | 0.14%   | 0.32%   | 2168       | 7               | 26                                              | 14      | 2       | 18                             |
| Ilfracombe                  | 0.04%   | 0.19%   | 0.08%   | 2555       | 2               | 21                                              | 9       | 21      | 14                             |
| Ivybridge                   | 0.02%   | 0.13%   |         | 4685       |                 | 25                                              | 17      | 28      | 28                             |
| Kingsbridge                 | 0.04%   | 0.07%   | 0.11%   | 2709       | 3               | 22                                              | 23      | 17      | 25                             |
| Newton Abbot                | 0.10%   | 0.15%   | 0.11%   | 5367       | 6               | 14                                              | 12      | 16      | 6                              |
| Okehampton                  |         | 0.09%   | 0.16%   | 3212       | 5               | 26                                              | 21      | 9       | 21                             |
| Ottery St Mary              |         |         | 0.09%   | 2108       | 2               | 26                                              | 30      | 19      | 30                             |
| Sidmouth                    |         | 0.25%   | 0.06%   | 1626       | 1               | 26                                              | 6       | 24      | 23                             |
| South Dartmoor              | 0.03%   |         | 0.14%   | 2956       | 4               | 23                                              | 30      | 11      | 24                             |
| South Molton                | 0.21%   | 0.14%   |         | 1496       |                 | 5                                               | 16      | 28      | 12                             |
| Tavistock                   | 0.08%   | 0.08%   | 0.16%   | 3740       | 6               | 15                                              | 22      | 8       | 22                             |
| Teign Valley                |         | 0.04%   | 0.04%   | 2756       | 1               | 26                                              | 29      | 27      | 31                             |
| Teignmouth                  | 0.04%   | 0.28%   | 0.12%   | 2522       | 3               | 20                                              | 3       | 15      | 19                             |
| Tiverton                    | 0.12%   | 0.20%   | 0.09%   | 3448       | 3               | 12                                              | 8       | 20      | 6                              |
| Torrington                  | 0.21%   | 0.21%   |         | 1979       |                 | 4                                               | 7       | 28      | 6                              |
| Totnes                      | 0.07%   | 0.18%   | 0.21%   | 2819       | 6               | 18                                              | 11      | 4       | 2                              |

Data source: School Census returns which inform the DFE SFR on Exclusions

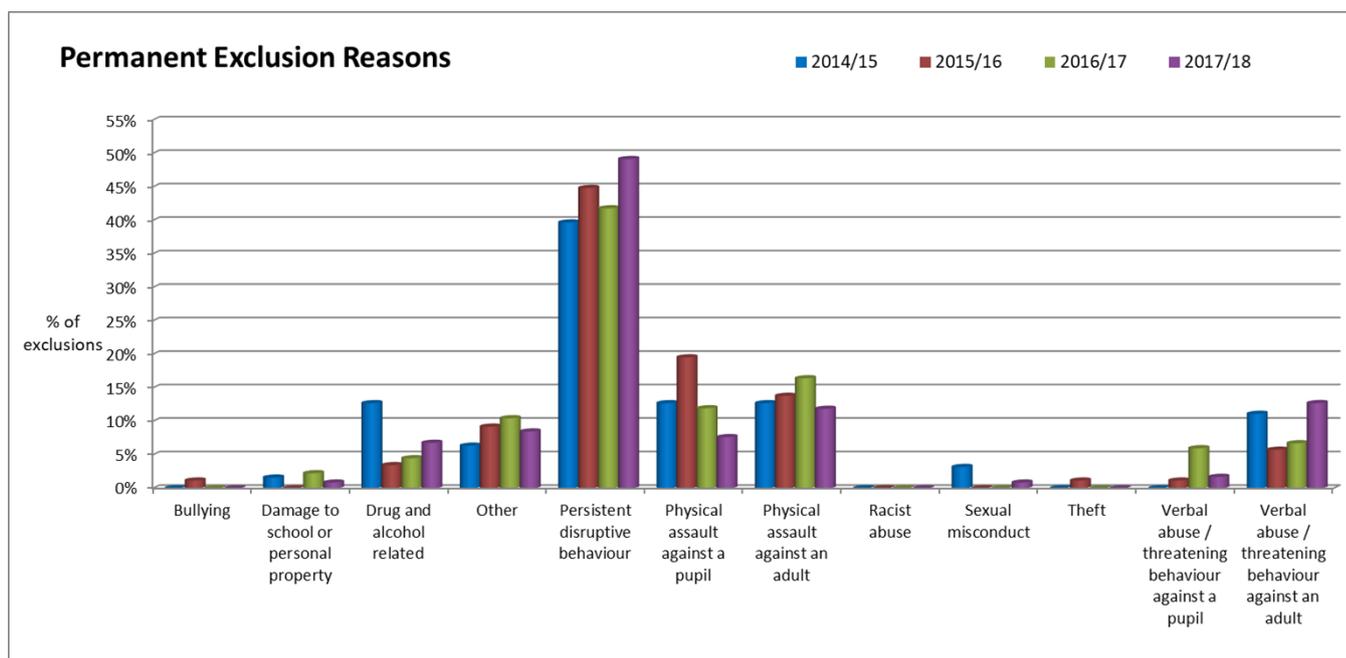
## 1.7 Permanent Exclusions Reasons

The table and graph below shows how the permanent exclusions which have occurred in each year are distributed against the various categories (together they make 100%). Persistent Disruptive Behaviour continues to be the major reason for permanent exclusions in Devon with verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult the next most common. Both of these reasons have seen the greatest increase in the last year.

| Permanent Exclusion Reason                            | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | DfE 2016/17 England rate <sup>(1)</sup> | 2017/18 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Bullying                                              |         | 1       |         |         |         | 1.1%    |         | 0.3%                                    |         |
| Damage to school or personal property                 | 1       |         | 3       | 1       | 1.6%    |         | 2.2%    | 1.2%                                    | 0.8%    |
| Drug and alcohol related                              | 8       | 3       | 6       | 8       | 12.7%   | 3.4%    | 4.5%    | 7.3%                                    | 6.8%    |
| Other                                                 | 4       | 8       | 14      | 10      | 6.3%    | 9.2%    | 10.4%   | 17.6%                                   | 8.5%    |
| Persistent disruptive behaviour                       | 25      | 39      | 56      | 58      | 39.7%   | 44.8%   | 41.8%   | 35.7%                                   | 49.2%   |
| Physical assault against a pupil                      | 8       | 17      | 16      | 9       | 12.7%   | 19.5%   | 11.9%   | 13.3%                                   | 7.6%    |
| Physical assault against an adult                     | 8       | 12      | 22      | 14      | 12.7%   | 13.8%   | 16.4%   | 9.7%                                    | 11.9%   |
| Sexual misconduct                                     | 2       |         |         | 1       | 3.2%    |         |         | 1.3%                                    | 0.8%    |
| Theft                                                 |         | 1       |         |         |         | 1.1%    |         | 0.5%                                    |         |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil  |         | 1       | 8       | 2       |         | 1.1%    | 6.0%    | 4.3%                                    | 1.7%    |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult | 7       | 5       | 9       | 15      | 11.1%   | 5.7%    | 6.7%    | 8.5%                                    | 12.7%   |

<sup>(1)</sup> DfE Statistic Permanent and fixed-period exclusions in England: 2016 to 2017, National tables, Table 4, published July 2018

Data source: 2017/18 DCC ONE database, 2016/17 DfE Permanent and fixed-period exclusions in England: 2016 to 2017, LA table 18, 2015/16 and earlier DfE Permanent and fixed-period exclusions in England: 2016 to 2017 Underlying Data: Reasons and School Census Returns which inform DfE SFR.



## Permanent Exclusion Reasons by Pupil Cohorts

| Permanent Exclusions – Statements / EHCPs             | Permanent Exclusions - Numbers |         |         |         | Permanent Exclusions - Percentages |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                                       | 2014-15                        | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2014-15                            | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
| Exclusion Reason                                      |                                |         |         |         |                                    |         |         |         |
| Bullying                                              |                                | 1       |         |         |                                    | 8%      |         |         |
| Damage                                                |                                |         |         |         |                                    |         |         |         |
| Drug and alcohol related                              |                                |         |         |         |                                    |         |         |         |
| Other                                                 | 1                              | 1       | 2       |         | 13%                                | 8%      | 14%     |         |
| Persistent disruptive behaviour                       | 2                              | 6       | 4       | 3       | 25%                                | 46%     | 29%     | 60%     |
| Physical assault against a pupil                      | 2                              | 2       | 2       |         | 25%                                | 15%     | 14%     |         |
| Physical assault against an adult                     | 1                              | 2       | 6       | 2       | 13%                                | 15%     | 43%     | 40%     |
| Racist abuse                                          |                                |         |         |         |                                    |         |         |         |
| Sexual misconduct                                     | 1                              |         |         |         | 13%                                |         |         |         |
| Theft                                                 |                                |         |         |         |                                    |         |         |         |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil  |                                |         |         |         |                                    |         |         |         |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult | 1                              | 1       |         |         | 13%                                | 8%      |         |         |
| Grand Total                                           | 8                              | 13      | 14      | 5       | 100%                               | 100%    | 100%    | 100%    |

| Permanent Exclusions – Free School Meal Pupils        | Permanent Exclusions - Numbers |         |         |         | Permanent Exclusions - Percentages |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                                       | 2014-15                        | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2014-15                            | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
| Exclusion Reason                                      |                                |         |         |         |                                    |         |         |         |
| Bullying                                              |                                | 1       |         |         |                                    | 3%      |         |         |
| Damage                                                |                                |         | 2       |         |                                    |         | 3%      |         |
| Drug and alcohol related                              | 1                              | 1       | 2       | 2       | 3%                                 | 3%      | 3%      | 4%      |
| Other                                                 | 3                              | 5       | 6       | 6       | 9%                                 | 13%     | 10%     | 11%     |
| Persistent disruptive behaviour                       | 16                             | 20      | 28      | 25      | 50%                                | 51%     | 45%     | 46%     |
| Physical assault against a pupil                      | 5                              | 6       | 6       | 3       | 16%                                | 15%     | 10%     | 6%      |
| Physical assault against an adult                     | 4                              | 4       | 9       | 7       | 13%                                | 10%     | 15%     | 13%     |
| Racist abuse                                          |                                |         |         |         |                                    |         |         |         |
| Sexual misconduct                                     |                                |         |         |         |                                    |         |         |         |
| Theft                                                 |                                |         |         |         |                                    |         |         |         |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil  |                                |         | 5       | 1       |                                    |         | 8%      | 2%      |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult | 3                              | 2       | 4       | 10      | 9%                                 | 5%      | 6%      | 19%     |
| Grand Total                                           | 32                             | 39      | 62      | 54      | 100%                               | 100%    | 100%    | 100%    |

| Permanent Exclusions – Males                          | Permanent Exclusions - Numbers |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                                       | 2014-15                        | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
| Exclusion Reason                                      |                                |         |         |         |
| Bullying                                              |                                | 1       |         |         |
| Damage                                                | 1                              |         | 3       | 1       |
| Drug and alcohol related                              | 5                              | 2       | 4       | 1       |
| Other                                                 | 4                              | 8       | 13      | 8       |
| Persistent disruptive behaviour                       | 18                             | 31      | 45      | 47      |
| Physical assault against a pupil                      | 7                              | 12      | 11      | 8       |
| Physical assault against an adult                     | 5                              | 8       | 22      | 10      |
| Racist abuse                                          |                                |         |         |         |
| Sexual misconduct                                     | 2                              |         |         | 1       |
| Theft                                                 |                                |         |         |         |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil  |                                |         | 7       | 1       |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult | 6                              | 5       | 7       | 14      |
| Grand Total                                           | 48                             | 67      | 112     | 91      |

| Permanent Exclusions - Percentages |         |         |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2014-15                            | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
|                                    | 1%      |         |         |
| 2%                                 |         | 3%      | 1%      |
| 10%                                | 3%      | 4%      | 1%      |
| 8%                                 | 12%     | 12%     | 9%      |
| 38%                                | 46%     | 40%     | 52%     |
| 15%                                | 18%     | 10%     | 9%      |
| 10%                                | 12%     | 20%     | 11%     |
|                                    |         |         |         |
| 4%                                 |         |         | 1%      |
|                                    |         | 6%      | 1%      |
| 13%                                | 7%      | 6%      | 15%     |
| 100%                               | 100%    | 100%    | 100%    |

| Permanent Exclusions – Females                        | Permanent Exclusions - Numbers |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                                       | 2014-15                        | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
| Exclusion Reason                                      |                                |         |         |         |
| Bullying                                              |                                |         |         |         |
| Damage                                                |                                |         |         |         |
| Drug and alcohol related                              | 3                              | 1       | 2       | 7       |
| Other                                                 |                                |         | 1       | 2       |
| Persistent disruptive behaviour                       | 7                              | 8       | 11      | 11      |
| Physical assault against a pupil                      | 1                              | 5       | 5       | 1       |
| Physical assault against an adult                     | 3                              | 4       |         | 4       |
| Racist abuse                                          |                                |         |         |         |
| Sexual misconduct                                     |                                |         |         |         |
| Theft                                                 |                                | 1       |         |         |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil  |                                | 1       | 1       | 1       |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult | 1                              |         | 2       | 1       |
| Grand Total                                           | 15                             | 20      | 22      | 27      |

| Permanent Exclusions - Percentages |         |         |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2014-15                            | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
|                                    |         |         |         |
|                                    |         |         |         |
| 20%                                | 5%      | 9%      | 26%     |
|                                    |         | 5%      | 7%      |
| 47%                                | 40%     | 50%     | 41%     |
| 7%                                 | 25%     | 23%     | 4%      |
| 20%                                | 20%     |         | 15%     |
|                                    |         |         |         |
|                                    | 5%      |         |         |
|                                    | 5%      | 5%      | 4%      |
| 7%                                 |         | 9%      | 4%      |
| 100%                               | 100%    | 100%    | 100%    |

## 2.1 Fixed Term Exclusions

Whilst the number of fixed term exclusions has gradually risen over the previous three years, local data indicates that it has dropped slightly this year. However, this might rise once exclusions data has been submitted to the Department for Education<sup>1</sup>. The percentage of fixed term exclusions in Devon Schools continues to be lower than the latest DfE national rate (2016/17).

| Year                                                                  | No of exclusions |         |         |         |               |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|
|                                                                       | 2013/14          | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18       |
| Fixed Term Exclusions - All Schools <sup>(2)</sup>                    | 2844             | 3072    | 3426    | 4060    | 3985          |
| Devon Exclusion Rate (exclusions as % of school pop'n) <sup>(3)</sup> | 3.00%            | 3.22%   | 3.55%   | 4.16%   | 4.04%         |
| Department for Education Exclusion Rate <sup>(4)</sup>                | 3.50%            | 3.88%   | 4.29%   | 4.76%   | Not available |

<sup>1</sup> 17 schools no longer use the common school management information software and therefore do not submit regular data files to the Council.

<sup>2</sup> State funded primary, secondary, all-through and special schools (excludes alternative provision).

<sup>3</sup> School population figures based on numbers on roll in each Spring School Census, sole or main registrations in state funded primary, secondary, all-through and special schools (excludes alternative provision).

<sup>4</sup> DfE Statistic Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions from Schools in England: 2016 to 2017 academic year, Table 1, published July 2018.

Data sources: 2017/18: ONE database at 22/08/18, 2016/17 and earlier: DfE Statistic Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions from Schools in England: 2016 to 2017 academic year (National Tables, LA Tables, Underlying Data: LA Characteristics), published July 2018.

The number of pupils subjected to Fixed Term Exclusions and the number of days lost due to exclusions also appears to have fallen in the last year, as shown in the table below;

|                                              | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |
|----------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| No of Days Lost due to fixed term exclusions | 5150    | 5710    | 6145    | 7399    | 6472.5  |
| No of Pupils subject to fixed term exclusion | 1369    | 1554    | 1615    | 1887    | 1634    |

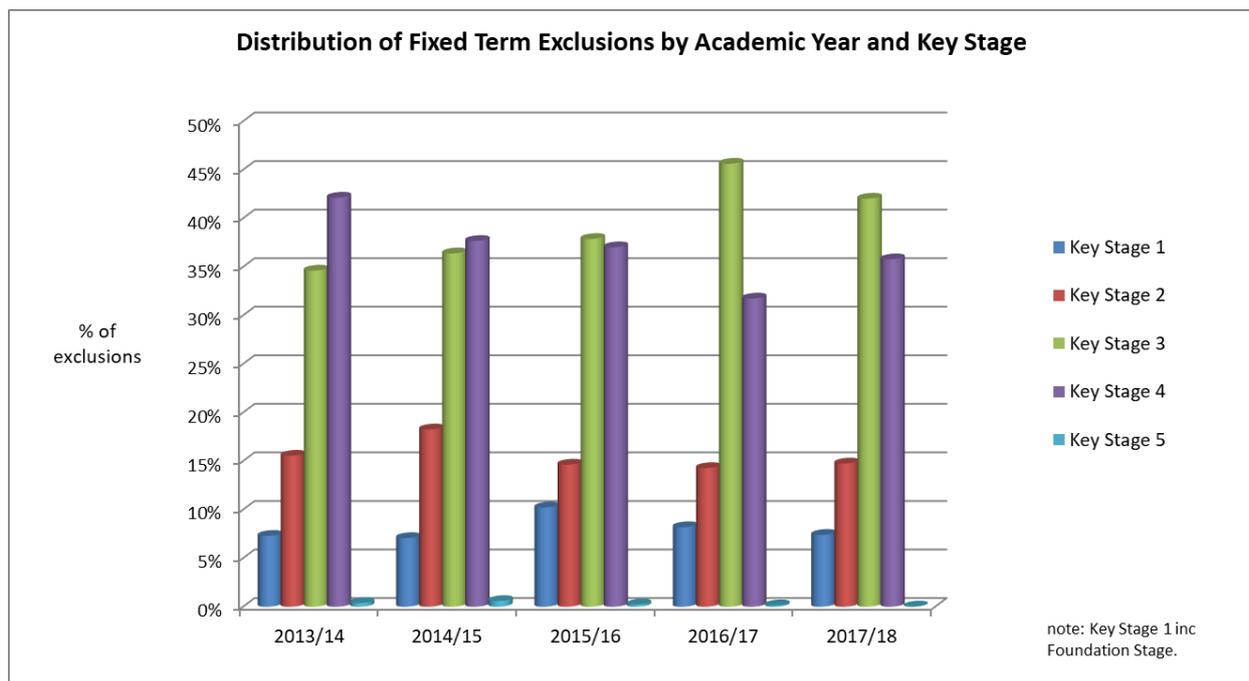
Note: 17 schools do not use sims software, so there are no automated data feeds to update pupil records in Education's ONE database.

## 2.2 Exclusions by Key Stages

If we consider the distribution of the exclusions across the key stages, we see that the majority of Devon's exclusions continue to occur in Key Stage 3. This distribution is also seen nationally.

Exclusions at Key Stage 3 have fallen in the last year and continue to be lower than the latest DfE national rate for 2017 (42% compared to 48.8% previously). Exclusions at Key Stage 4 have risen and are now higher than the latest DfE national statistic (2016/17). Please see table below for full details.

It should be noted that these percentages add to 100 and if the cohort is below the national average in one section it will inevitably be over in another.

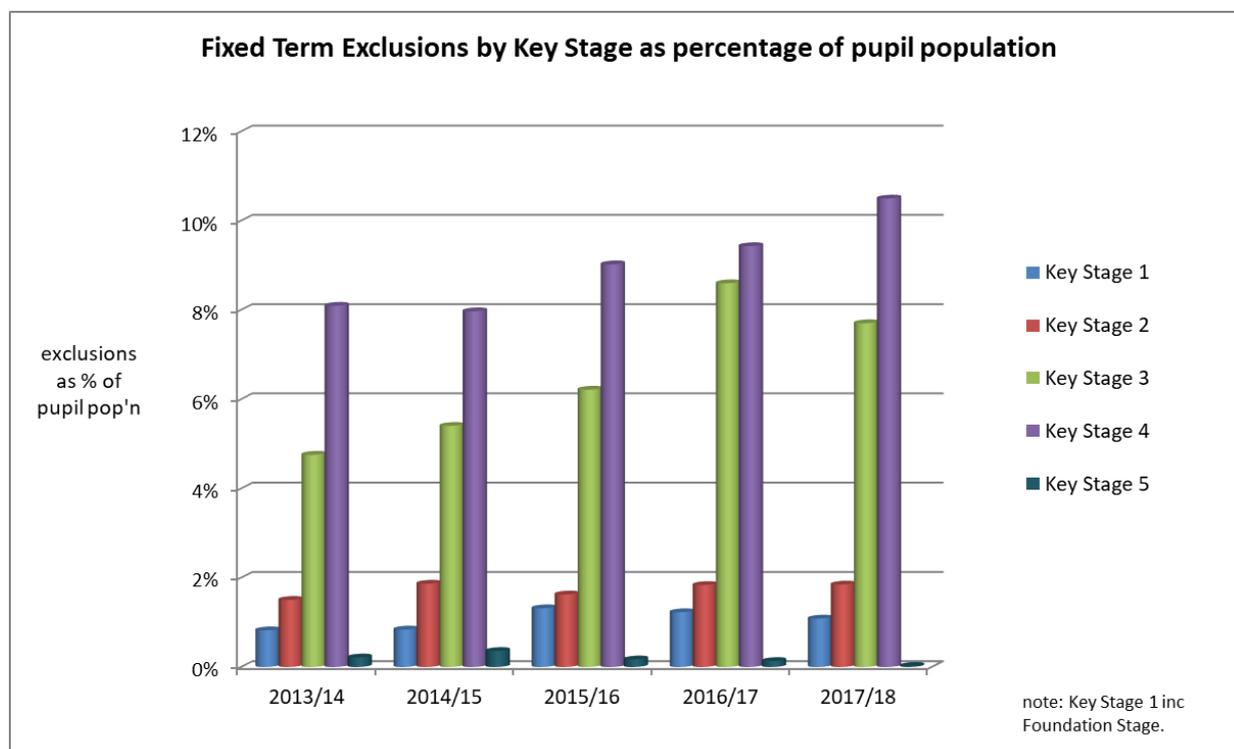


|                              | 2013/14 |       | 2014/15 |       | 2015/16 |       | 2016/17 |       | DfE 2016/17<br>% distribution<br>of fixed term<br>excns <sup>(1)</sup> | 2017/18 |       |
|------------------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
|                              | No's    | %     | No's    | %     | No's    | %     | No's    | %     |                                                                        | No's    | %     |
| Key Stage 1<br>(inc Found'n) | 206     | 7.3%  | 215     | 7.1%  | 347     | 10.2% | 330     | 8.2%  | 4.9%                                                                   | 295     | 7.4%  |
| Key Stage 2                  | 439     | 15.6% | 555     | 18.3% | 497     | 14.6% | 575     | 14.3% | 13.1%                                                                  | 588     | 14.8% |
| Key Stage 3                  | 977     | 34.6% | 1106    | 36.4% | 1286    | 37.9% | 1837    | 45.6% | 48.8%                                                                  | 1675    | 42.0% |
| Key Stage 4                  | 1189    | 42.1% | 1145    | 37.7% | 1257    | 37.0% | 1278    | 31.7% | 32.5%                                                                  | 1426    | 35.8% |
| Key Stage 5                  | 11      | 0.4%  | 18      | 0.6%  | 8       | 0.2%  | 6       | 0.1%  | 0.7%                                                                   | 1       | 0.03% |

1. DfE percentages of fixed term exclusions taken from DfE Statistic Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions from Schools in England: 2016 to 2017 academic year (Key Stage based on pupils' NCY Table 3).

## Fixed Term Exclusions by Key Stages as a percentage of the pupil population

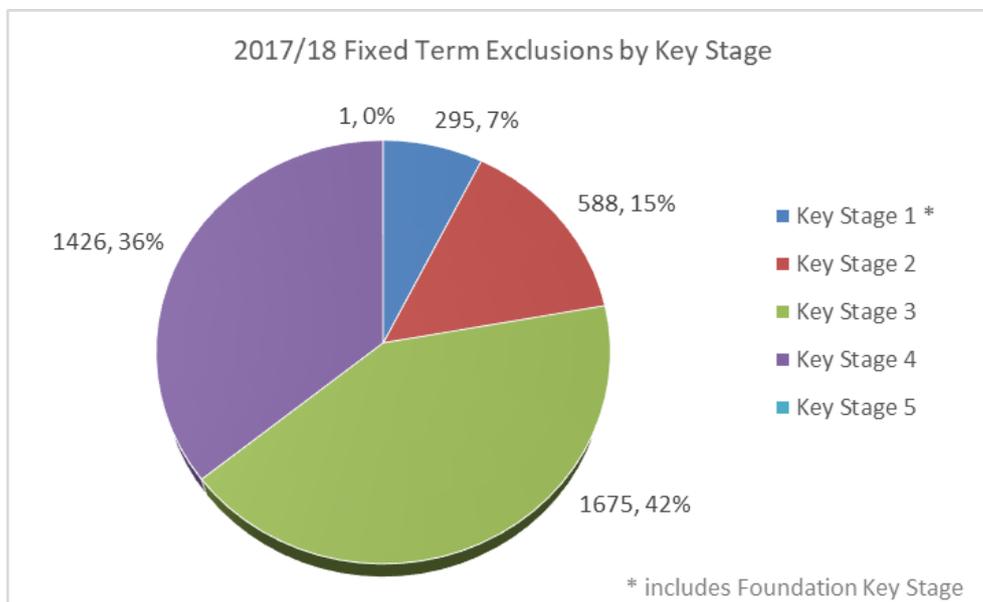
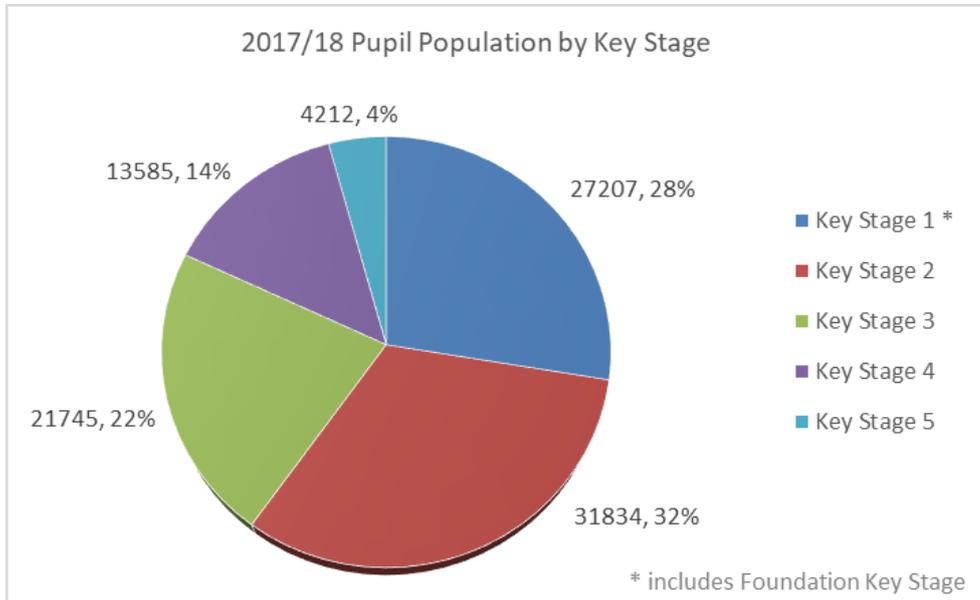
When reviewed as a percentage of pupil population, Key Stage 4 exclusions continue to rise whilst Key Stage 3 exclusions have fallen. The percentage of exclusions at each Key Stage are lower in Devon than nationally, with the exception of Key Stage 1 which is slightly higher. The graph and subsequent table below provide further information.



|                              | 2013/14 |      | 2014/15 |      | 2015/16 |      | 2016/17 |      | DfE<br>2016/17<br>% of fixed<br>term excns<br>(1) | 2017/18 |       |
|------------------------------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
|                              | No's    | %    | No's    | %    | No's    | %    | No's    | %    |                                                   | No's    | %     |
| Key Stage 1<br>(inc Found'n) | 206     | 0.8% | 215     | 0.8% | 347     | 1.3% | 330     | 1.2% | 0.8%                                              | 295     | 1.1%  |
| Key Stage 2                  | 439     | 1.5% | 555     | 1.9% | 497     | 1.6% | 575     | 1.8% | 2.0%                                              | 588     | 1.8%  |
| Key Stage 3                  | 977     | 4.8% | 1106    | 5.4% | 1286    | 6.2% | 1837    | 8.6% | 10.8%                                             | 1675    | 7.7%  |
| Key Stage 4                  | 1189    | 8.1% | 1145    | 8.0% | 1257    | 9.0% | 1278    | 9.4% | 11.6%                                             | 1426    | 10.5% |
| Key Stage 5                  | 11      | 0.2% | 18      | 0.4% | 8       | 0.2% | 6       | 0.1% | 0.6%                                              | 1       | 0.0%  |

1. DfE Statistic Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions from Schools in England: 2016 to 2017 academic year (Underlying Data from LA characteristics Tables), published July 18.

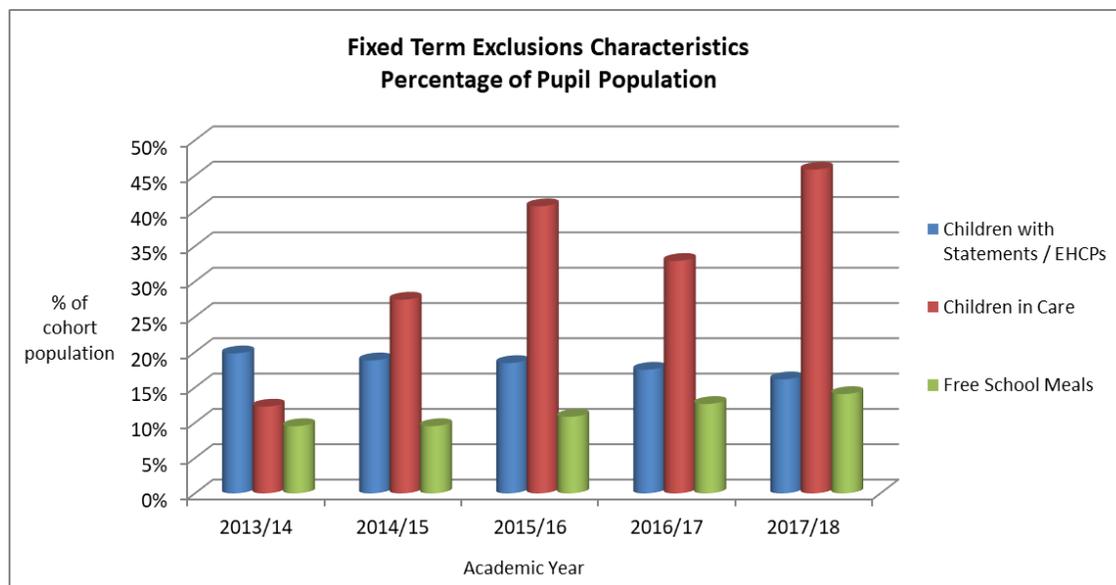
To provide a visualisation of the impact of the size of the cohort in comparison to the number of exclusions, the charts below indicate the overall school population by each Key Stage and the Fixed Term Exclusions by Key Stage. For example, by comparing the segments we can see there is a smaller percentage of Exclusions at Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 when compared to the percentage of pupil populations at these Key Stages.



Data source: pupil population Spring 2018 School Census Return, exclusions ONE dataase22/08/18

### 2.3. Fixed Term Exclusions by Pupil Characteristics

In 2017/18 the exclusion rate for pupils with statements of SEN or EHCPs has fallen, with 16.1% (424 for 2626 pupils) compared to 17.5% (488 for 2716 pupils) in 2016/17. This is slightly higher than the latest national rate (15.93% in 2017). The percentage of Children in Care subject to a Fixed Term Exclusion has risen in the last year, 45.8% (226 for 493 pupils) compared to 32.9% (157 for 477 pupils) in 2016/17. The percentage of pupils eligible for Free School Meals subject to an exclusion has also risen to 14%, partially due to a reduced cohort of pupils being eligible for FSM<sup>1</sup>. This is higher than the latest national rate (12.54% in 2017).



| Exclusions against;                   | 2013/14 |          |                  | 2014/15 |          |                  | 2015/16 |          |                  | 2016/17 |          |                  |            | DfE<br>2016/17<br>National<br>Rate <sup>(3)</sup> | 2017/18 |          |                   |            |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------|----------|-------------------|------------|
|                                       | No's    | % of FTE | % of pupil pop'n | No's    | % of FTE | % of pupil pop'n | No's    | % of FTE | % of pupil pop'n | No's    | % of FTE | % of pupil pop'n | Pupil popn |                                                   | No's    | % of FTE | % of school pop'n | Pupil popn |
| Children with Statements/EHCPs        | 689     | 24.2%    | 19.8%            | 620     | 20.2%    | 18.83%           | 557     | 16.3%    | 18.45%           | 488     | 12.0%    | 17.5%            | 2787       | 15.93%                                            | 424     | 10.6%    | 16.1%             | 2626       |
| Children in Care (CiC) <sup>(2)</sup> | 70      | 2.4%     | 12.3%            | 130     | 4.0%     | 27.4%            | 189     | 5.7%     | 40.6%            | 157     | 3.9%     | 32.9%            | 477        | Not available                                     | 226     | 5.7%     | 45.8%             | 493        |
| Free School Meals                     | 1022    | 35.9%    | 9.5%             | 1117    | 36.4%    | 9.52%            | 1335    | 39.0%    | 10.85%           | 1609    | 39.6%    | 12.7%            | 12708      | 12.54%                                            | 1321    | 33.1%    | 14.1%             | 9392       |

1. Eligibility check undertaken by the Free School Meals team in Autumn 2017 which informed the Spring 2018 School Census.

2. Children in Care school population has been taken from the Council's Virtual School Roll and is based on the number of children in care (of any funded LA) of school age attending a school in Devon

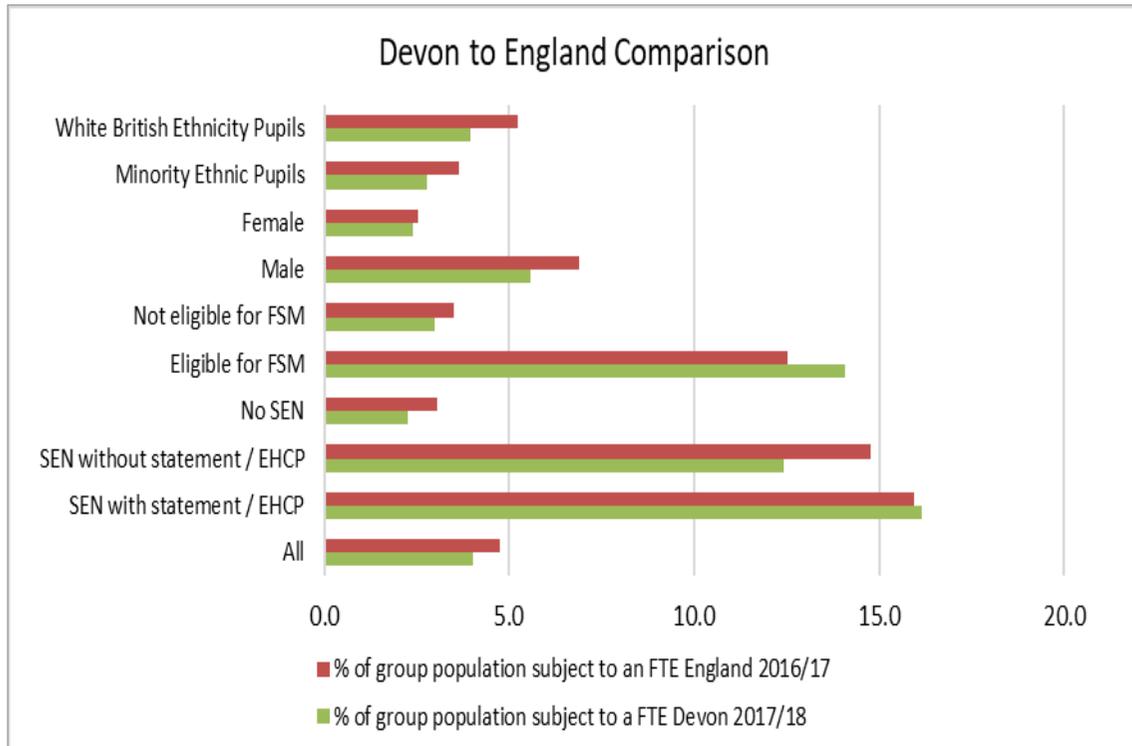
3. Latest DfE national rate taken from DfE Statistic Permanent and Fixed Period Exclusions from Schools in England: 2016 to 2017 academic year, published July 2018.

The table below provides information on how the Devon cohorts of pupils compare against the most recent National published data.

| Fixed Term Exclusions<br>2017/18    | Number of<br>Devon FTE<br>cohort | Group as a<br>% of FTE<br>cohort | Number on Roll<br>cohorts for<br>each group<br>(Spring 2018<br>Census) | Group as a %<br>of Devon<br>NoR cohort | Group is over or<br>under<br>represented by<br>a factor of | % of group population with at least<br>one FTE <sup>(1)</sup> |                 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                                     |                                  |                                  |                                                                        |                                        |                                                            | Devon 2017/18                                                 | England 2016/17 |
| All                                 | 3985                             | 100                              | 98620                                                                  | 100                                    |                                                            | 4.04                                                          | 4.76            |
| <b>SEN with statement / EHCP</b>    | <b>424</b>                       | <b>10.6</b>                      | <b>2626</b>                                                            | <b>2.7</b>                             | <b>4.00</b>                                                | <b>16.15</b>                                                  | <b>15.93</b>    |
| <b>SEN without statement / EHCP</b> | <b>1710</b>                      | <b>42.9</b>                      | <b>13759</b>                                                           | <b>14.0</b>                            | <b>3.08</b>                                                | <b>12.43</b>                                                  | <b>14.76</b>    |
| No SEN                              | 1851                             | 46.4                             | 82235                                                                  | 83.4                                   | <b>0.56</b>                                                | 2.25                                                          | 3.06            |
| <b>Eligible for FSM</b>             | <b>1321</b>                      | <b>33.1</b>                      | <b>9392</b>                                                            | <b>9.5</b>                             | <b>3.48</b>                                                | <b>14.07</b>                                                  | <b>12.54</b>    |
| Not eligible for FSM                | 2664                             | 66.9                             | 89228                                                                  | 90.5                                   | <b>0.74</b>                                                | 2.99                                                          | 3.50            |
| <b>CiC <sup>2</sup></b>             | <b>226</b>                       | <b>5.7</b>                       | <b>493</b>                                                             | <b>0.5</b>                             | <b>11.34</b>                                               | <b>45.84</b>                                                  | not avail       |
| not CiC                             | 3759                             | 94.3                             | 98127                                                                  | 99.5                                   | <b>0.95</b>                                                | 3.83                                                          | not avail       |
| <b>Male</b>                         | <b>2833</b>                      | <b>71.1</b>                      | <b>50705</b>                                                           | <b>51.4</b>                            | <b>1.38</b>                                                | <b>5.59</b>                                                   | <b>6.91</b>     |
| Female                              | 1152                             | 28.9                             | 47915                                                                  | 48.6                                   | <b>0.60</b>                                                | 2.40                                                          | 2.53            |
| <b>Minority Ethnic Pupils</b>       | <b>208</b>                       | <b>5.2</b>                       | <b>7472</b>                                                            | <b>7.6</b>                             | <b>0.69</b>                                                | <b>2.78</b>                                                   | <b>3.65</b>     |
| White British Ethnicity Pupils      | 3541                             | 88.9                             | 89440                                                                  | 90.7                                   | <b>0.98</b>                                                | 3.96                                                          | 5.23            |

<sup>(1)</sup> The number of fixed period exclusions expressed as a percentage of the number of pupils (including sole or dual main registrations and boarding pupils) of each age in January 2018. With regards to the FTE figures, these are number of FTEs and not number of children (one child may have multiple fixed term exclusions). National benchmarking data is based on the number of FTEs (not the number of children).

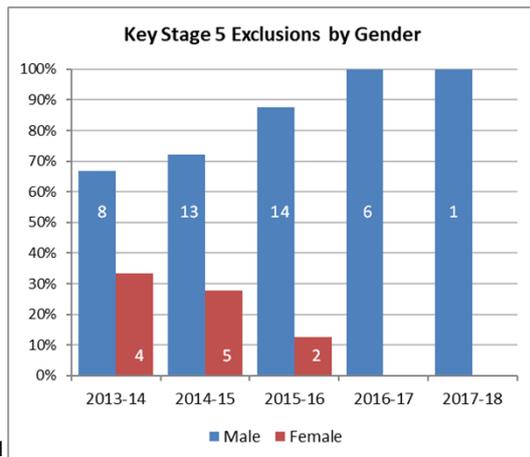
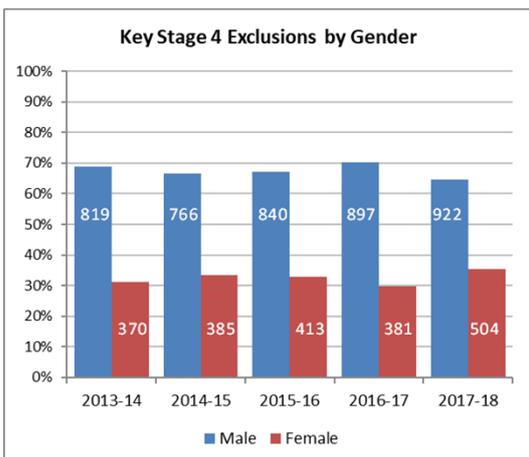
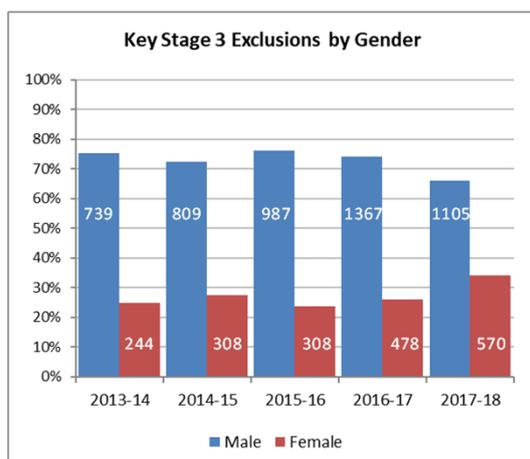
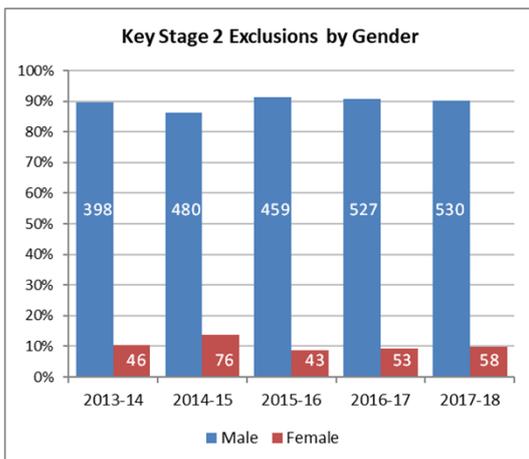
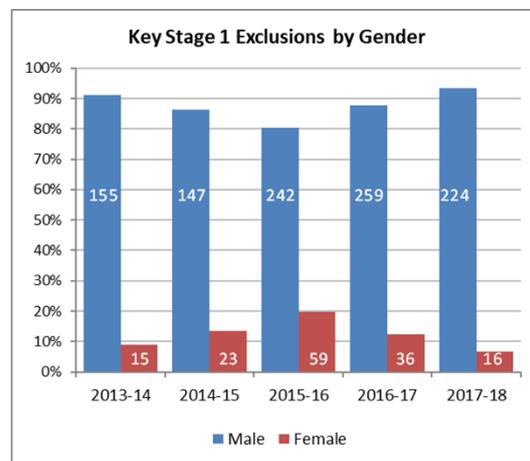
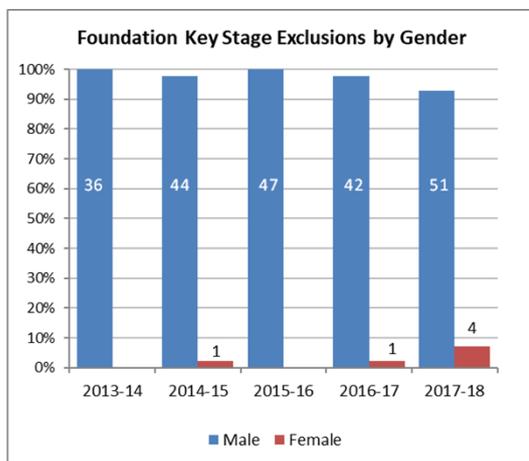
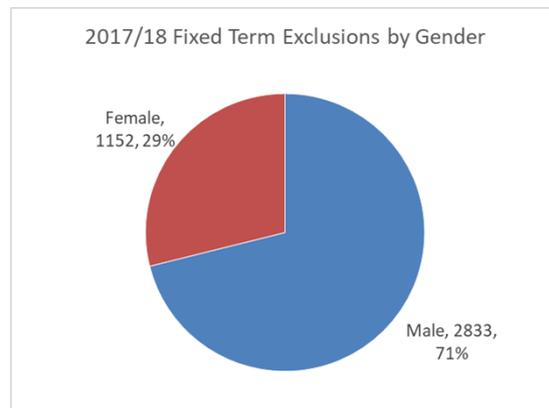
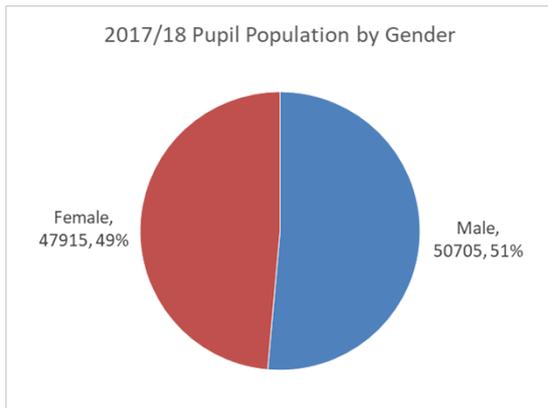
<sup>(2)</sup> CiC - Children who were looked after child at the time of exclusion (from ONE). The cohort is taken from the number of CiC on the Virtual School Roll (493) on 19/01/18 (based on children on roll in Devon LA Schools). This date is in line with the date used in the DfE exclusion statistics. It should however be noted that the total number of children may exceed the denominator used as the cohort fluctuates greatly. If a child was in care and excluded in May but was no longer on roll on Jan 19<sup>th</sup>, the exclusion would count but the child would not be included in the cohort size. The most recent National Data for Children in Care is 2015/16, 2016/17 data will be available in March 2019.



In Devon and nationally, children in vulnerable groups are more likely to be fixed term excluded than their peers; however, Devon's statistics show a higher likelihood of this than that seen nationally. This is particularly evident for children who are eligible for Free School Meals and those who have Special Educational Needs. The Devon Inclusion Project is working with schools to reduce the number of exclusions throughout the County.

## 2.4 Fixed Term Exclusions by Gender and Key Stage

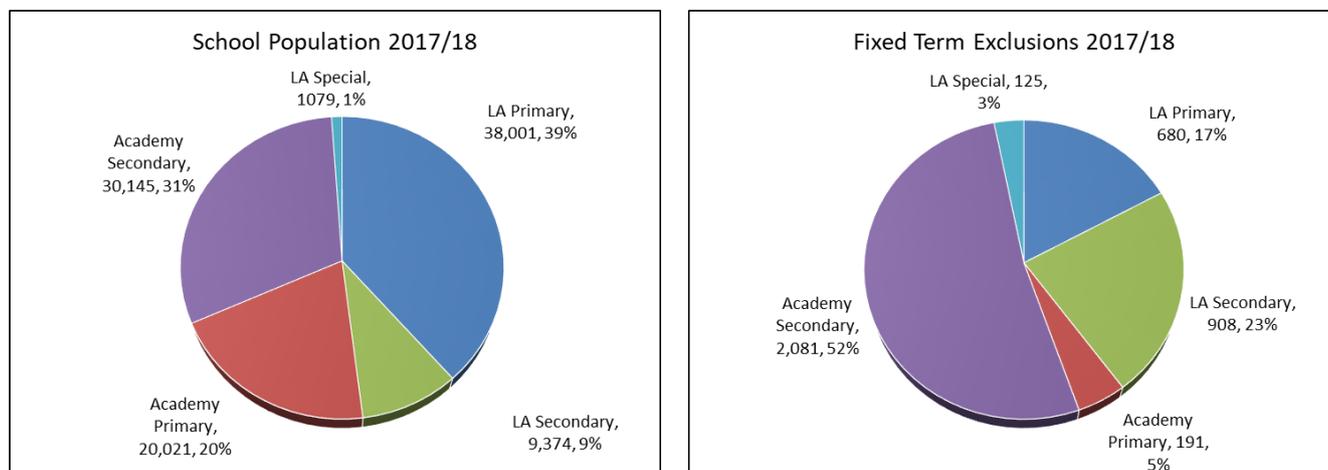
The breakdown of fixed term exclusions by gender has seen a slight change in 2017/18, with the percentage of exclusions against girls rising (and therefore percentage against boys falling).



## 2.5 Fixed Term Exclusions by School Type

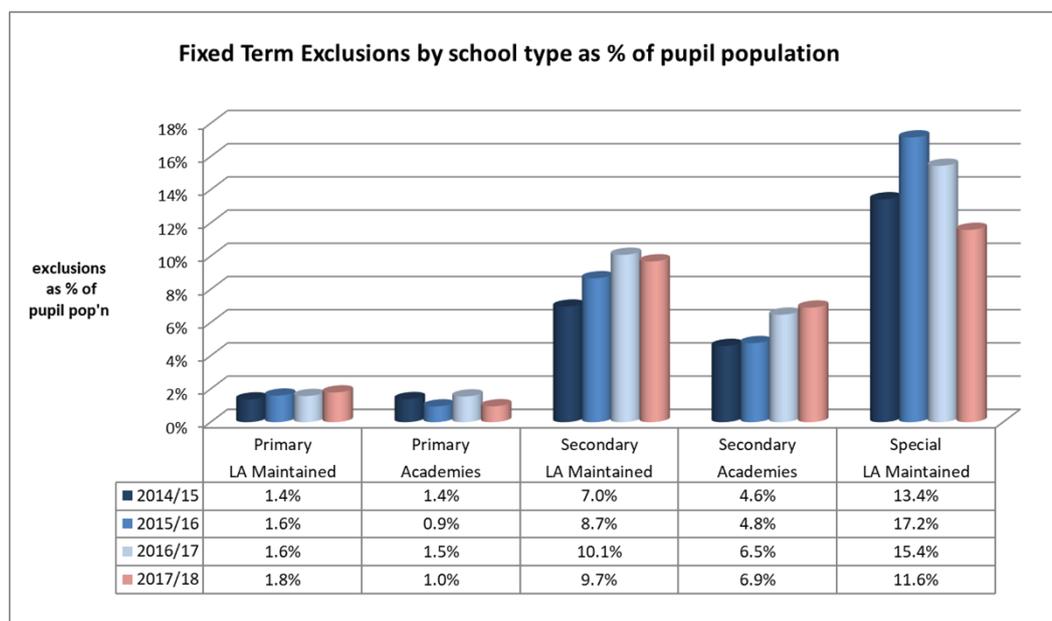
### Fixed Term Exclusions by school type as percentage of the pupil population

The charts below illustrate the breakdown of fixed term exclusions and pupil population by school type to enable comparisons to be made. For example, 17% of fixed exclusions were from LA Maintained Primary Schools but these establishments have 39% of the pupil population.



Note: School status is based on January School Census return

The percentage of pupils with fixed term exclusions has risen slightly in LA Maintained primary schools and fallen in Academy primary schools. At secondary phase, the percentage of pupils with exclusions in LA Maintained schools has fallen (from 10.1% to 9.7%) but it has risen in Academies (6.5% to 6.9%). The exclusion rate in LA Maintained special schools has seen significant improvement in the last year, falling from 15.4% to 11.6%.



Note: School status is based on January School Census returns

## 2.6. Fixed Term Exclusions by Learning Community

### Ranking by Fixed Term Exclusions as a percentage of pupil population

Please note the below information does not relate to individual schools, but the group of schools that form a Learning Community. Exeter West Exe Learning Community is on average the Learning Community with the highest percentage of fixed term exclusions as a percentage of the pupil population, but its percentage has fallen in the last year. Exeter Central & Chestnut and Crediton are the Communities with the second highest percentage of fixed term exclusions as a percentage of the pupil population.

Exeter Learning Communities are also consistently ranked with high fixed term exclusions, whilst Honiton and Exeter Central & Chestnut have seen the highest increases in the last year.

| Learning Community          | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2017/18    | 2017/18    | Ranking<br>(where 1 is highest % of exclusions) |         |         | Average Ranking<br>(over 4yrs) |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|
|                             | %       | %       | %       | LLC pupils | Exclusions | 2015/16                                         | 2016/17 | 2017/18 |                                |
| Axe Valley                  | 3%      | 2%      | 4%      | 3218       | 130        | 12                                              | 30      | 16      | 21                             |
| Barnstaple                  | 4%      | 4%      | 1%      | 6513       | 73         | 7                                               | 10      | 28      | 11                             |
| Bideford                    | 1%      | 3%      | 1%      | 4028       | 51         | 30                                              | 19      | 25      | 24                             |
| Braunton                    | 2%      | 4%      | 5%      | 1882       | 89         | 23                                              | 15      | 10      | 18                             |
| Chulmleigh                  | 2%      | 3%      | 4%      | 1469       | 63         | 20                                              | 18      | 14      | 14                             |
| Clyst Vale                  | 4%      | 4%      | 4%      | 3020       | 112        | 9                                               | 12      | 18      | 12                             |
| Crediton                    | 5%      | 6%      | 8%      | 3067       | 239        | 6                                               | 7       | 4       | 2                              |
| Culm Valley                 | 2%      | 2%      | 2%      | 3990       | 92         | 28                                              | 25      | 22      | 27                             |
| Dartmouth                   | 9%      | 17%     | 0%      | 832        | nk         | 2                                               | 1       | 31      | 7                              |
| Dawlish                     | 4%      | 6%      | 4%      | 2324       | 94         | 8                                               | 4       | 15      | 8                              |
| Exeter - Beacon             | 5%      | 6%      | 7%      | 6670       | 500        | 5                                               | 5       | 5       | 4                              |
| Exeter - Central & Chestnut | 5%      | 5%      | 9%      | 3786       | 327        | 4                                               | 8       | 2       | 2                              |
| Exeter - West Exe           | 13%     | 12%     | 8%      | 3647       | 303        | 1                                               | 2       | 3       | 1                              |
| Exmouth                     | 4%      | 4%      | 6%      | 5856       | 356        | 10                                              | 13      | 8       | 9                              |
| Holsworthy                  | 4%      | 4%      | 5%      | 1515       | 69         | 11                                              | 16      | 12      | 16                             |
| Honiton                     | 2%      | 4%      | 10%     | 2168       | 209        | 19                                              | 14      | 1       | 14                             |
| Ilfracombe                  | 3%      | 3%      | 3%      | 2555       | 68         | 18                                              | 24      | 21      | 19                             |
| Ivybridge                   | 2%      | 2%      | 1%      | 4685       | 55         | 27                                              | 29      | 26      | 28                             |
| Kingsbridge                 | 2%      | 2%      | 0%      | 2709       | 1          | 22                                              | 28      | 30      | 29                             |
| Newton Abbot                | 2%      | 3%      | 1%      | 5367       | 63         | 21                                              | 17      | 27      | 20                             |
| Okehampton                  | 2%      | 3%      | 3%      | 3212       | 104        | 25                                              | 23      | 20      | 23                             |
| Ottery St Mary              | 1%      | 2%      | 1%      | 2108       | 13         | 31                                              | 31      | 29      | 31                             |
| Sidmouth                    | 3%      | 7%      | 7%      | 1626       | 108        | 14                                              | 3       | 7       | 6                              |
| South Dartmoor              | 2%      | 2%      | 2%      | 2956       | 47         | 24                                              | 27      | 24      | 26                             |
| South Molton                | 3%      | 3%      | 4%      | 1496       | 67         | 17                                              | 22      | 13      | 22                             |
| Tavistock                   | 3%      | 3%      | 4%      | 3740       | 146        | 15                                              | 21      | 17      | 17                             |
| Teign Valley                | 1%      | 2%      | 2%      | 2756       | 55         | 29                                              | 26      | 23      | 29                             |
| Teignmouth                  | 3%      | 4%      | 7%      | 2522       | 177        | 16                                              | 11      | 6       | 13                             |
| Tiverton                    | 6%      | 5%      | 5%      | 3448       | 183        | 3                                               | 9       | 9       | 5                              |
| Torrington                  | 3%      | 6%      | 5%      | 1979       | 92         | 13                                              | 6       | 11      | 10                             |
| Totnes                      | 2%      | 3%      | 4%      | 2819       | 99         | 26                                              | 20      | 19      | 25                             |

Data source: School Census returns which inform the DFE SFR on Exclusions

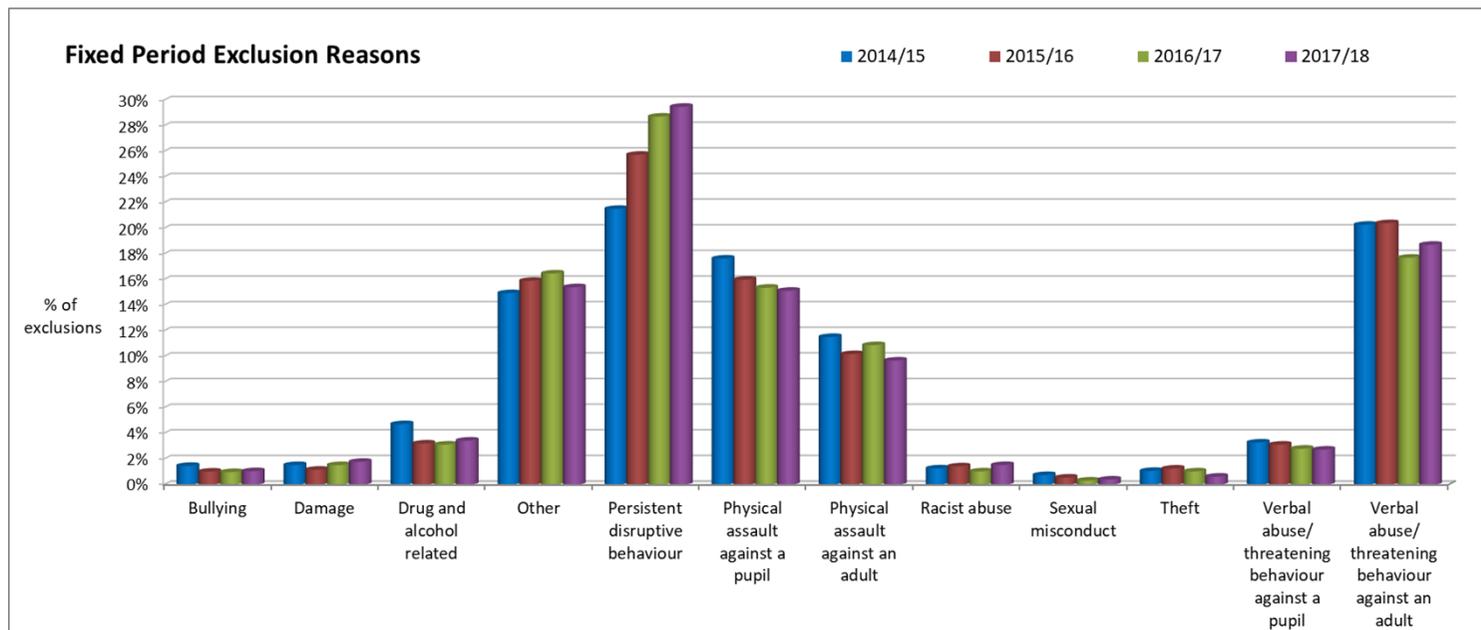
## 2.7 Fixed Term Exclusions Reasons

The table and graph below shows how the fixed term exclusions which have occurred in each year are distributed against the various categories. Persistent Disruptive Behaviour continues to be the major reason for fixed term exclusions in Devon (29.49%), slightly higher than the latest national rate (28.4% in 2017). Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against an adult continues to be the second major reason for exclusions.

| Fixed Term Exclusion Reason                           | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | DfE 2016/17 England rate <sup>(1)</sup> | 2017/18 |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------------------------|---------|
| Bullying                                              | 45      | 35      | 40      | 42      | 1.46%   | 1.02%   | 0.99%   | 1.1%                                    | 1.05%   |
| Damage                                                | 47      | 40      | 62      | 71      | 1.53%   | 1.17%   | 1.53%   | 2.0%                                    | 1.78%   |
| Drug and alcohol related                              | 145     | 110     | 127     | 137     | 4.72%   | 3.21%   | 3.13%   | 2.4%                                    | 3.44%   |
| Other                                                 | 459     | 545     | 669     | 614     | 14.94%  | 15.91%  | 16.48%  | 19.7%                                   | 15.41%  |
| Persistent disruptive behaviour                       | 661     | 882     | 1166    | 1175    | 21.52%  | 25.74%  | 28.72%  | 28.4%                                   | 29.49%  |
| Physical assault against a pupil                      | 542     | 548     | 624     | 603     | 17.64%  | 16.00%  | 15.37%  | 16.9%                                   | 15.13%  |
| Physical assault against an adult                     | 354     | 349     | 442     | 386     | 11.52%  | 10.19%  | 10.89%  | 7.0%                                    | 9.69%   |
| Racist abuse                                          | 39      | 49      | 42      | 61      | 1.27%   | 1.43%   | 1.03%   | 1.2%                                    | 1.53%   |
| Sexual misconduct                                     | 23      | 19      | 13      | 16      | 0.75%   | 0.55%   | 0.32%   | 0.6%                                    | 0.40%   |
| Theft                                                 | 33      | 43      | 42      | 25      | 1.07%   | 1.26%   | 1.03%   | 1.1%                                    | 0.63%   |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil  | 101     | 107     | 114     | 109     | 3.29%   | 3.12%   | 2.81%   | 4.0%                                    | 2.74%   |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult | 623     | 699     | 719     | 746     | 20.28%  | 20.40%  | 17.71%  | 15.6%                                   | 18.72%  |

<sup>(1)</sup> DfE Statistic Permanent and fixed-period exclusions in England: 2016 to 2017, national table 4, published July 2018

Data source: 2017/18 DCC ONE database, 2016/17 DfE Permanent & fixed-period exclusions in England: 2016-17 LA table 19, 2015/16 & earlier DfE Permanent & fixed-period exclusions in England: 2016 to 2017 Underlying Data: Reasons



**Fixed Term Exclusions Reasons for pupil cohorts (as the DfE do not publish data at this level, local census returns were used for illustrative purposes which exclude PRUs)**

| Fixed Term Exclusions – <b>Stated / EHCP</b>          | Fixed Term Exclusions - Numbers |            |            |            | Fixed Term Exclusions - Percentages |             |             |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                                       | 2014-15                         | 2015-16    | 2016-17    | 2017-18    | 2014-15                             | 2015-16     | 2016-17     | 2017-18     |
| Bullying                                              | 2                               | 4          | 3          | 2          | 0.3%                                | 1%          | 1%          | 0.5%        |
| Damage                                                | 16                              | 14         | 14         | 19         | 3%                                  | 3%          | 3%          | 4%          |
| Drug and alcohol related                              | 8                               | 6          | 3          | 2          | 1%                                  | 1%          | 1%          | 0.5%        |
| Other                                                 | 88                              | 126        | 119        | 98         | 15%                                 | 23%         | 25%         | 23%         |
| Persistent disruptive behaviour                       | 122                             | 83         | 66         | 84         | 20%                                 | 15%         | 14%         | 20%         |
| Physical assault against a pupil                      | 113                             | 89         | 79         | 65         | 19%                                 | 16%         | 16%         | 15%         |
| Physical assault against an adult                     | 128                             | 94         | 95         | 71         | 21%                                 | 17%         | 20%         | 17%         |
| Racist abuse                                          | 15                              | 11         | 9          | 14         | 2%                                  | 2%          | 2%          | 3%          |
| Sexual misconduct                                     | 4                               | 2          | 3          | 2          | 0.7%                                | 0.4%        | 1%          | 0.5%        |
| Theft                                                 | 2                               | 2          | 2          | 2          | 0.3%                                | 0.4%        | 0.4%        | 0.5%        |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil  | 13                              | 24         | 14         | 8          | 2%                                  | 4%          | 3%          | 2%          |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult | 95                              | 91         | 76         | 57         | 16%                                 | 17%         | 16%         | 13%         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                    | <b>606</b>                      | <b>546</b> | <b>483</b> | <b>424</b> | <b>100%</b>                         | <b>100%</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>100%</b> |

| Fixed Term Exclusions – <b>Free School Meals</b>      | Fixed Term Exclusions - Numbers |             |             |             | Fixed Term Exclusions - Percentages |             |             |             |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                                       | 2014-15                         | 2015-16     | 2016-17     | 2017-18     | 2014-15                             | 2015-16     | 2016-17     | 2017-18     |
| Bullying                                              | 16                              | 14          | 19          | 8           | 1%                                  | 1%          | 1%          | 1%          |
| Damage                                                | 19                              | 15          | 36          | 21          | 2%                                  | 1%          | 2%          | 2%          |
| Drug and alcohol related                              | 41                              | 23          | 498         | 31          | 4%                                  | 2%          | 31%         | 2%          |
| Other                                                 | 147                             | 204         | 23          | 213         | 13%                                 | 15%         | 1%          | 16%         |
| Persistent disruptive behaviour                       | 297                             | 382         | 284         | 466         | 27%                                 | 29%         | 18%         | 35%         |
| Physical assault against a pupil                      | 184                             | 206         | 185         | 170         | 17%                                 | 16%         | 12%         | 13%         |
| Physical assault against an adult                     | 135                             | 159         | 208         | 133         | 12%                                 | 12%         | 13%         | 10%         |
| Racist abuse                                          | 14                              | 12          | 18          | 18          | 1%                                  | 1%          | 1%          | 1%          |
| Sexual misconduct                                     | 5                               | 2           | 5           | 4           | 0.5%                                | 0.2%        | 0.3%        | 0.3%        |
| Theft                                                 | 14                              | 13          | 17          | 8           | 1%                                  | 1%          | 1%          | 1%          |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil  | 37                              | 35          | 254         | 35          | 3%                                  | 3%          | 16%         | 3%          |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult | 201                             | 259         | 51          | 214         | 18%                                 | 20%         | 3%          | 16%         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                    | <b>1110</b>                     | <b>1324</b> | <b>1598</b> | <b>1321</b> | <b>100%</b>                         | <b>100%</b> | <b>100%</b> | <b>100%</b> |

| Fixed Term Exclusions – Male                          | Fixed Term Exclusions - Numbers |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                                       | 2014-15                         | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
| Exclusion Reason                                      |                                 |         |         |         |
| Bullying                                              | 31                              | 25      | 27      | 29      |
| Damage                                                | 40                              | 36      | 52      | 64      |
| Drug and alcohol related                              | 81                              | 73      | 76      | 86      |
| Other                                                 | 299                             | 410     | 497     | 392     |
| Persistent disruptive behaviour                       | 457                             | 633     | 832     | 772     |
| Physical assault against a pupil                      | 458                             | 460     | 524     | 480     |
| Physical assault against an adult                     | 305                             | 280     | 378     | 343     |
| Racist abuse                                          | 35                              | 47      | 36      | 57      |
| Sexual misconduct                                     | 21                              | 17      | 13      | 16      |
| Theft                                                 | 25                              | 35      | 32      | 18      |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil  | 80                              | 74      | 88      | 85      |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult | 428                             | 498     | 551     | 491     |
| Grand Total                                           | 2260                            | 2588    | 3106    | 2833    |

| Fixed Term Exclusions - Percentages |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2014-15                             | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
| 1%                                  | 1%      | 1%      | 1%      |
| 2%                                  | 1%      | 2%      | 2%      |
| 4%                                  | 3%      | 2%      | 3%      |
| 13%                                 | 16%     | 16%     | 14%     |
| 20%                                 | 24%     | 27%     | 27%     |
| 20%                                 | 18%     | 17%     | 17%     |
| 13%                                 | 11%     | 12%     | 12%     |
| 2%                                  | 2%      | 1%      | 2%      |
| 1%                                  | 1%      | 0.4%    | 0.6%    |
| 1%                                  | 1%      | 1%      | 1%      |
| 4%                                  | 3%      | 3%      | 3%      |
| 19%                                 | 19%     | 18%     | 17%     |
| 100%                                | 100%    | 100%    | 100%    |

| Fixed Term Exclusions – Female                        | Fixed Term Exclusions - Numbers |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                                       | 2014-15                         | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
| Exclusion Reason                                      |                                 |         |         |         |
| Bullying                                              | 12                              | 10      | 13      | 13      |
| Damage                                                | 7                               | 36      | 10      | 7       |
| Drug and alcohol related                              | 63                              | 246     | 51      | 51      |
| Other                                                 | 159                             | 4       | 172     | 222     |
| Persistent disruptive behaviour                       | 203                             | 134     | 333     | 403     |
| Physical assault against a pupil                      | 84                              | 67      | 100     | 123     |
| Physical assault against an adult                     | 46                              | 88      | 61      | 43      |
| Racist abuse                                          | 4                               | 2       | 6       | 4       |
| Sexual misconduct                                     | 2                               | 2       |         |         |
| Theft                                                 | 8                               | 8       | 10      | 7       |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against a pupil  | 21                              | 198     | 26      | 24      |
| Verbal abuse / threatening behaviour against an adult | 189                             | 32      | 167     | 255     |
| Grand Total                                           | 798                             | 827     | 949     | 1152    |

| Fixed Term Exclusions - Percentages |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2014-15                             | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 |
| 2%                                  | 1%      | 1%      | 1%      |
| 1%                                  | 4%      | 1%      | 1%      |
| 8%                                  | 30%     | 5%      | 4%      |
| 20%                                 | 0%      | 18%     | 19%     |
| 25%                                 | 16%     | 35%     | 35%     |
| 11%                                 | 8%      | 11%     | 11%     |
| 6%                                  | 11%     | 6%      | 4%      |
| 0.5%                                | 0.2%    | 0.6%    | 0.3%    |
| 0.3%                                | 0.2%    |         |         |
| 1%                                  | 1%      | 1.1%    | 1%      |
| 3%                                  | 24%     | 3%      | 2%      |
| 24%                                 | 4%      | 18%     | 22%     |
| 100%                                | 100%    | 100%    | 100%    |

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