



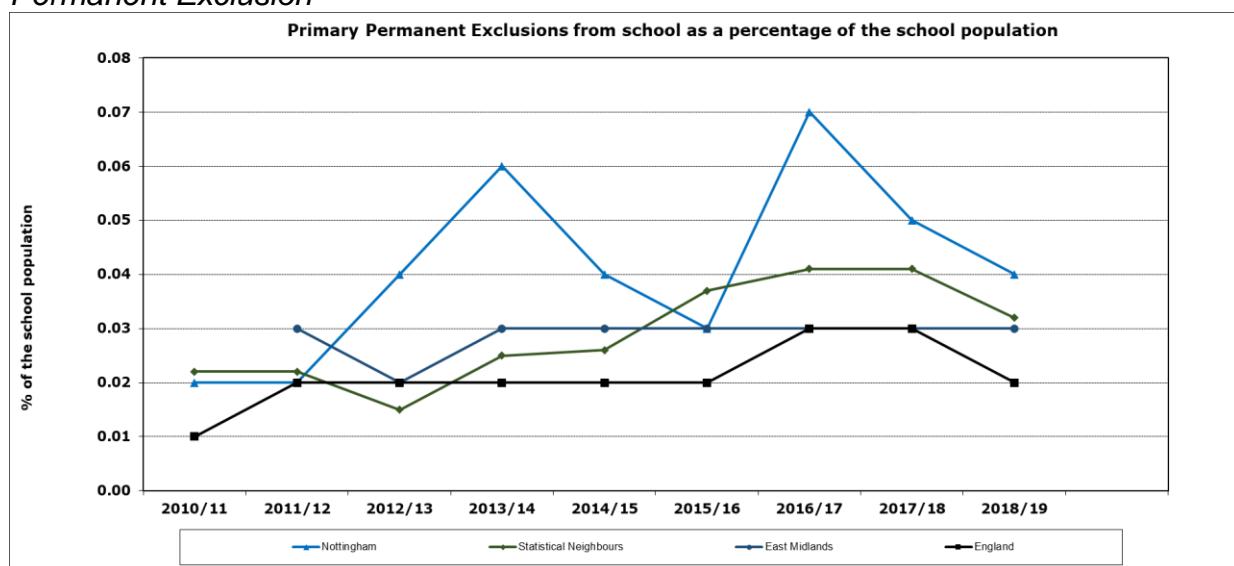
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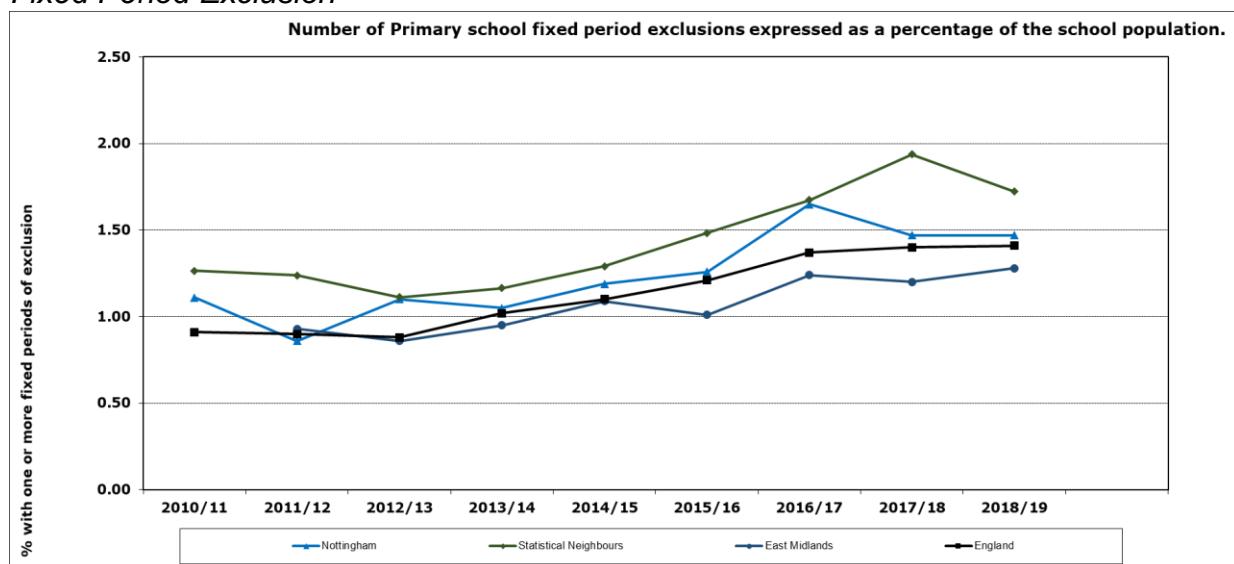
National Context

Nottingham City Council is ranked 121st in primary permanent exclusions and 99th in primary fixed period exclusions (2018/2019) out of 151 local authorities. Since this time the city's permanent exclusion figures have reduced significantly (from 14 in 2018/2019 to 4 in 2019/2020). The City's rate of fixed period exclusion is below other statistical neighbours and broadly in line with the national average.

Permanent Exclusion



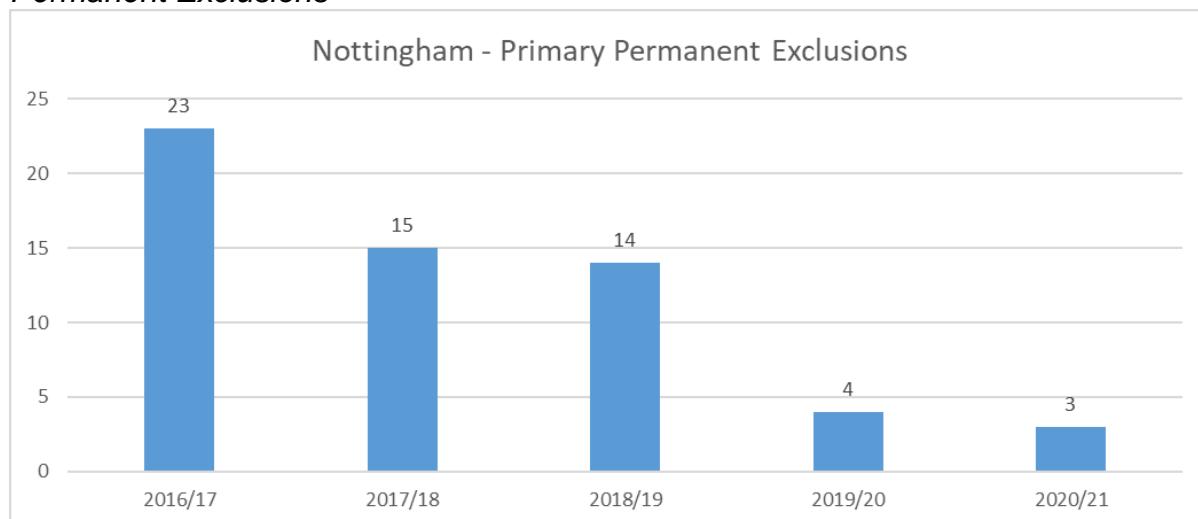
Fixed Period Exclusion



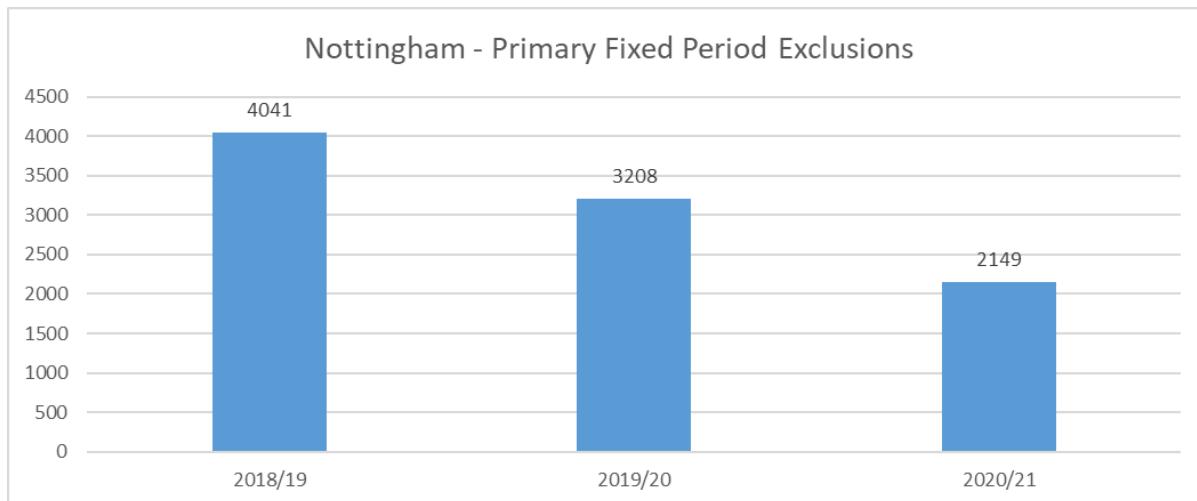
Nottingham City Exclusions

There has been a decrease in the number of exclusions (permanent and fixed period) over the last two years within the City. Permanent exclusions have been reduced dramatically compared to previous years. Whilst the pandemic will have impacted on exclusion data because of school closures, we have not experienced an increase in exclusions from primary schools when pupils have returned to full time education.

Permanent Exclusions



Fixed Period Exclusions



Exclusions by Context

In primary schools, there are two main reasons for exclusion; persistent disruptive behaviour and physical assault (these make up 80% of exclusions)

Exclusions are issued more frequently as the child progresses through primary phase
Primary exclusions are male dominated with over 88% of fixed period exclusions issued to male pupils over the last three years and 95% of permanent exclusions to male students over the last three years.

Most exclusions are issued to white pupils 64% and 32% issued to BME pupils.

SEND

No pupil with an EHCP has been permanently excluded from the Nottingham City Primary School/academy over the past three years, which is significantly below the national exclusion rate of 0.15. The Majority of fixed period and permanent exclusions are issues to pupils with no identified SEND.

Primary Exclusions	SEN CATEGORY	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Grand Total
Fixed Period	Education Health and Care Plan	150	182	0	331
	SEND Support	299	262	22	583
	No SEND	3592	2764	2127	8483
Fixed Period Total		4041	3208	2149	9398
Permanent	Education Health and Care Plan	0	0	0	0
	SEND Support	2	1	3	6
	No SEND	12	3	0	15
Permanent Total		14	4	3	21

Exclusion Provision and Reintegration

Educational provision for permanently excluded pupils is provided by Denewood Academy, which is part of the Raleigh Trust. All pupils are educated on-site with a few pupils accessing specialist provision at Westbury Special School. On average, 4 pupils are reintegrated back into mainstream school each academic year, with an additional 6 (on average) of pupils reintegrating through the year 6- year 7 process.

Strategies to reduce exclusion

Nottingham City's inclusion strategy supports an early identification and intervention as part of a graduated response to additional needs, including social, emotional and behaviour needs. The Routes to Inclusion (R2i) initiative was launched with primary schools in 2019 building whole school capacity to facilitate inclusion and more effectively manage the needs of pupils exhibiting challenging behaviour. Embedding R2i

has been inhibited by the pandemic, however, the R2i team continue to work with school across the city.

An intensive Support Team (IST) has been established to support children who have been through the R2i process and remain at risk of permanent exclusion from school. The IST team work directly with the child, family and the school to maintain the school place.

The local authority monitors and tracked all permanent exclusion and has an escalation model for primary and secondary to trigger concerns.

The current strategy is proving successful in reducing exclusions and building capacity in schools to support children who are at risk of permanent exclusion.