

# **Exclusions and suspensions in Croydon**

**CYP Scrutiny Sub-Committee, 28th February 2023**

# Overview:

## Exclusion and suspensions:

- Key facts.
- Croydon perspective: data trend over the last 4 academic years and to-date.
- Croydon's response to exclusion and suspensions and the Task and Finish report.

# Exclusions and suspensions - key facts

- Pupils can be excluded from school either permanently (**exclusion**) or for a fixed period (**suspension**).
- Annual publication of validated DfE national data (academies and LA maintained schools)
  - *Released summer following each academic year [most recent 2020/21]*
  - *Includes primary and secondary schools data.*
  - *Permanent exclusions data shown as total number and % of total pupil numbers.*
  - *Suspensions data shown as total number and % of total pupil numbers (includes pupils with 1+ suspension as a % of total pupil numbers).*

# Exclusions and suspensions over the last 4 academic years

<b>Volume of fixed term and permanent exclusions 2018/19 to 2021/22</b>				
	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
<b>Number of suspensions</b> (fixed term exclusions)	1665	1400	1470	653
<b>Number of permanent exclusions</b>	43	41	27	27
<b>Number of permanent exclusions reinstated</b>	2	2	0	0
<b>Number permanent exclusions withdrawn</b>	8	4	2	5

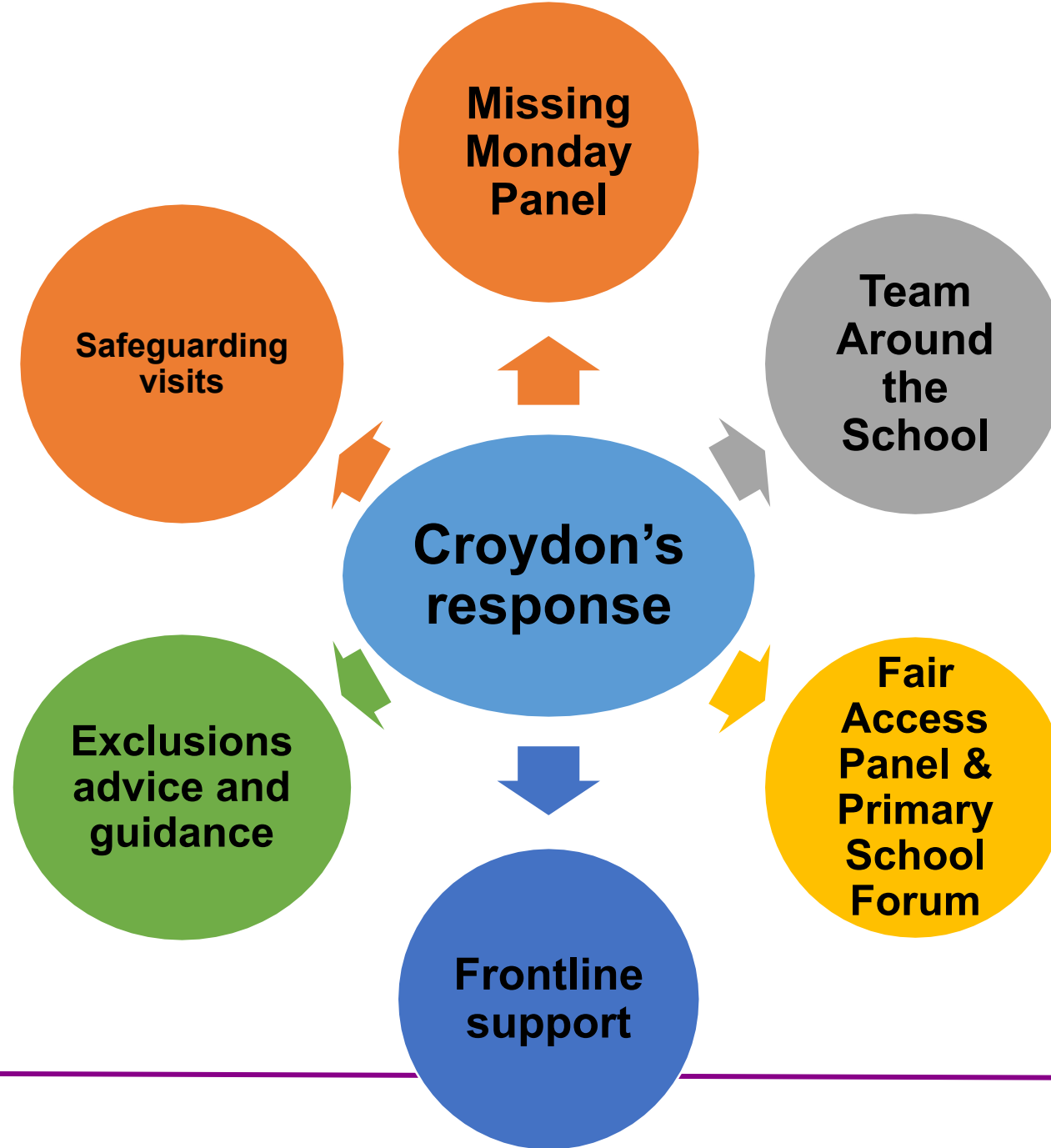
# Exclusions and suspensions: our national standing

Indicator Title	2022/23					
	Timeframe	Target	Croydon position	Statistical Neighbour	London	England
Permanent exclusions from schools as a percentage of the school population	2020/2021	0.06	0.03*	0.03	0.03	0.05
Suspensions (fixed term exclusions) from schools as a percentage of the school population	2020/2021	3.76	3.46**	2.78	2.79	4.25

\*2019/2020 = 0.05 / \*\* 3.39

# One of the key drivers for change...

In line with the national situation, Black Caribbean pupils in Croydon still have the greatest level of disproportionately high levels of exclusion from school. Black Caribbean pupils made up 44% of permanent exclusions from Croydon schools during the 2021/22 academic year, **but** Black Caribbean pupils account for 10.5% of the Croydon school age population.



**Missing Monday Panel:** review of children absent from education, at risk of exclusion or who are missing from school roll (ensure safeguarding is prioritised by schools).

**Team Around the School:** multi-agency\* support group intervention at the earliest point of concern. (\* LA, partner organisations, schools)

**Fair Access Panel & Primary School Forum:** brokering of managed moves to other mainstream schools or AP setting.



**Frontline support:** holistic support for pupils\* and their families delivered by Attendance & Inclusion Officers. (\* 1:1 and thematic workshops and group intervention)

**Exclusions advice & guidance:** offered by the Strategic Lead for Attendance & Exclusions, Attendance & Inclusion Officers and the Children with a Social Worker lead.

**Safeguarding visits:** close working with education safeguarding colleagues to align workstreams in order to early identify and quickly respond to concerning trends or incidents.