School Academy Name and Address

Parents Address

Date

Dear [Parent/Carer]

**[Name of Child and DOB]**

I am writing regarding the decision of the Governing Board Meeting, held on [Date of Governing Board Meeting] regarding the suspension of [Child’s Name] from [school/Academy].

The Governing Board, after carefully considering the information, views and all the available evidence, has decided to [direct reinstatement OR decline to reinstate].

**[DELETE AS REQUIRED - If the decision is direct reinstatement]**

You and your child are requested to attend a reinstatement meeting with the Headteacher/Principal **[alternatively, specify the name of another staff member]** on [date] at [time]. If that is not convenient, please contact the school urgently to arrange a suitable alternative date and time. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss how best to support your child’s return to school.

Your child should return to attending school on [date] at [time].

**[DELETE AS REQUIRED - If the decision is decline to reinstate]**

The reasons for the Governing Boards decision are as follows: [Give the reasons in as much detail as possible, explaining how they were arrived at].

If your child is still serving his/her suspension, the school will continue to provide suitable supervised full-time education from the 6th day of exclusion until it expires. Details of where your child will need to attend and any transport arrangements if appropriate should already have been provided to you by the school.

**Your right to a First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability)**

In addition to the right to request an independent review, you have the right to make a claim under the Equality Act 2010 to the First-tier Tribunal (Special Educational Needs and Disability) if you believe that the exclusion has occurred as a result of disability discrimination, or to the County Court, in the case of other forms of discrimination. Any claim of discrimination should be lodged no later than [specify date – within 6 months of the date on which discrimination is alleged to have taken place e.g. the day on which the pupil was excluded]. Details of how to make a claim can be found at www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/send/appeals.

**Educational provision and free impartial advice**

I would like to remind you of the free support and impartial advice from the sources detailed at the end of this letter. The educational provision arrangements currently being in place will continue.

Yours sincerely

**Clerk to Governors Discipline Committee**

cc Head Teacher

LA Representative (Admissions & Exclusion Officer)

 **Social Worker**

 **Virtual School Head**

**Free support and impartial information**

You can contact the **Access &** **Inclusion Team** at **Nottingham City Council** who can provide advice on the exclusion process on 0115 876 4700 or exclusions@nottinghamcity.gov.uk. Further guidance and information is available online at <https://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/education-and-schools/problems-at-school/exclusions-from-schools/>

You can access the **Department for Education’s** statutory guidance on exclusions at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-exclusion>

Parents who consider that their child may have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) may wish to contact **Ask Us Nottinghamshire** (fulfilling many of the roles and functions previously undertaken by the Parent Partnership Service). Ask Us Nottinghamshire is part of the Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) established in the County. They provide impartial information, advice and support for parents/carers of children with SEND. They can be contacted on 0800 1217772 or enquiries@askusnotts.org.uk

Another useful source of information for parents regarding SEND is available through the **Independent Parental Special Education Advice** charity online at <https://www.ipsea.org.uk/>

You may also find it useful to contact and access sources of impartial advice such as the **Coram Children's Legal Centre** who aim to provide free legal advice and information to parents on education matters. They can be contacted on 0300 330 5485 available Monday – Friday between 8am to 6pm or visit <https://childlawadvice.org.uk/information-pages/school-exclusion/>.

Another useful source of information for advice and free support to parents is the **School Exclusion Project** <https://schoolexclusionproject.com/>.

If your child has a disability you may find is helpful to contact **The Council for Disabled Children** on 0808 808 3555 (Open Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 5.00pm) or online at <https://contact.org.uk/advice-and-support/education-learning/exclusion/>

If your child is on the autism spectrum, you may find it useful to contact **National Autistic Society School Exclusion Service** ([https://www.autism.org.uk/services/helplines/school-exclusions.aspx#](https://www.autism.org.uk/services/helplines/school-exclusions.aspx)). They offer advice and information to parents of children on the autism spectrum on all aspects of school exclusion in England. You can leave a message on 0808 800 4002 or email schoolexclusions@nas.org.uk. It would be helpful if you could provide as much detail as possible regarding your enquiry and they aim to respond within 5 days.

For support with drug and alcohol use issues. **CGL** **Jigsaw** who work with young people up to the age of 18 to prevent and reduce the risks from drug and alcohol use. They also support families, carers and friends.

Young people can also access this service directly by Phone: 0115 9484 314; email: jigsaw@cgl.org.uk; website: <https://www.changegrowlive.org/jigsaw-young-person-family-service-nottingham/info>