



11 May 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Launch of Cross-Site Suspension Trial – May 2026**

We are writing to inform you about an important new initiative being introduced across all three secondary schools in The Four Cs Trust: Ken Stimpson Academy, Arthur Mellows Village College, and Manor Drive Secondary Academy.

Currently, when a student receives a fixed-term suspension, they remain at home. From 13 May, we will be launching a **Cross-Site Suspension Trial** for a number of suspensions. This means that, instead of staying at home, students who receive a cross-site suspension will attend one of the other secondary schools in our Trust for the duration of the suspension.

**Why Are We Introducing This?**

The cross-site suspension model offers several key benefits:

- **Improved Attendance:** Students remain engaged in education and are marked present under Department for Education guidance.
- **Supervision and Safeguarding:** Students are supervised throughout the day in a safe environment.
- **Academic Continuity:** Students complete work aligned to their usual timetable, ensuring learning continues.
- **Behaviour Reflection:** Dedicated time for reflection and intervention to address the behaviours that led to the suspension.
- **Parental Support:** Parents are not disrupted with working patterns and do not need to take time off work.

This approach maintains the seriousness of the sanction while ensuring that students do not see suspension as an opportunity to disengage from learning.

**How Will It Work?**

- Students will attend the receiving school in their normal full uniform for the full school day, 8.45am to 3.15pm. (If this is not possible, e.g. a student uses a school bus to arrive at school, we will discuss ways of transporting the student to the receiving school).
- Work will be provided and a reflection activity will be completed.
- Usual readmission procedures will apply when the student returns to their main school.

**Next Steps**

This trial will run from Wednesday 13 May until the end of the academic year. If the outcomes are positive, we will include this approach in our Trust-wide behaviour policies from September 2026. We believe this initiative will strengthen our collective commitment to high standards of behaviour and learning across all schools in the Trust.



If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact your child's school directly.  
Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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