



Covid-19 Addendum to ATLP Exclusions Policy – September 2020

## Exclusions occurring between 25 September 2020 and 24 March 2021

For exclusions occurring between 25 September 2020 and 24 March 2021 (inclusive of those dates), meetings of governing boards or independent review panels should be held via remote access if:

- it is not reasonably practicable to meet in person due to coronavirus (COVID-19)
- the other [conditions for a remote access meeting](#) are met

The deadline for applications for an independent review in relation to exclusions occurring between 25 September 2020 and 24 March 2021 will be 25 school days from the date on which notice in writing of the governing board's decision is given to parents, or directly to the pupil if they are 18 or above.

### Returning to normal timescales

It is important that governing board meetings and independent review panel meetings, relating to exclusions occurring between 25 September 2020 and 24 March 2021, take place within the normal timescales set out in the guidance on [exclusion from maintained schools, academies and pupil referral units in England](#).

Governing boards and arranging authorities for independent review panels should take all reasonable steps to meet the normal deadlines for exclusions occurring after 24 September.

They should: guidance on protective measures for the full opening of schools

- consider the [guidance on protective measures for the full opening of schools](#)

- facilitate remote access meetings where it is not reasonably practicable to meet in person

If the deadlines are missed because of coronavirus (COVID-19), the meeting must be held as soon as it becomes either reasonably practicable to meet in person or via remote access (respecting the conditions for such a meeting).