

A. What is bad behaviour in the UK?

UK schools are allowed to discipline pupils who behave badly in various ways. But what exactly is bad behaviour? The following is a list of serious and not-so-serious types of bad behaviour seen by a teacher in a London secondary school.

1. PUT THE BAD BEHAVIOUR IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE e.g. Number 1 is the worst behavior

- Playing truant ____
- Smoking, swearing, hitting, kissing, running, stealing ____
- Not doing homework ____
- Cheating in exams (copying from secret notes or another pupil) ____
- Calling a teacher or another pupil bad names (bullying) ____
- Not listening or not paying attention in lessons ____
- Wearing unsuitable clothes for school. ____

2. SCHOOL RULES: MAKE A LIST OF GOOD AND BAD BEHAVIOUR AT YOUR SCHOOL

| We have to (it is an obligation) / We must | We mustn't (it is a prohibition) |
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| Be on time for class | |
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B. Punishments in schools

It is illegal for schools to use physical punishments like hitting a student. Here are some of the ways that UK school children can be punished.

- **Exclusion:** a pupil is excluded from the school and cannot come back. The pupil has to find a new school or a different method of education (home tutor, special centre for difficult pupils).
- **Suspension:** when a pupil is suspended they cannot enter the building or attend lessons until the school has a meeting about their case. Suspension can last from 1 to 45 days in a school term. The school usually gives work to do at home with a tutor (special teacher).
- **Detention:** a pupil is detained. This means he or she is asked to stay at school at the end of the school day. The pupil must work for 30 minutes or an hour more before they are allowed to leave the school.
- **Lines:** a pupil has to write a sentence many times (100 times) on a sheet of paper: An example sentence: I must not shout in class. This punishment is sometimes given during detention too.

3. WHICH IS THE WORST PUNISHMENT IN YOUR OPINION? WHY?