

What happens when children are suspended

Easy read information sheet



What is suspension?

Suspension means children are **not** allowed to go to school.



Why are children suspended?

Children get suspended if there is a big chance they will say or do something to hurt someone or make someone feel bad or scared.



How long does suspension last?

- Suspension can be for a short time or a long time.
- Suspension time depends how long it takes to make it safe for children to be at school together.
- The longest amount of time children can be suspended is 20 school days (4 weeks).



Before children are suspended



The principal will talk to everyone to find out:

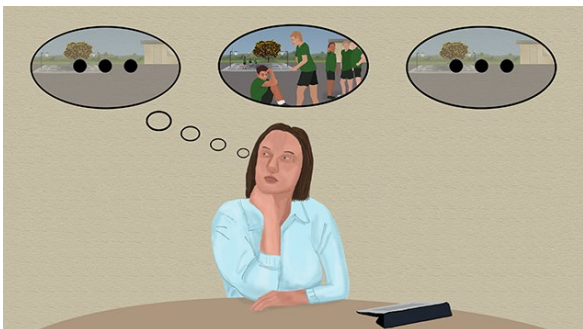
- what happened
- why it happened.

They will ask your child if they want to talk about what happened.



If you want to, you can talk to the principal to find out what happened, ask questions and talk about:

- why your child behaved that way
- how long the suspension might last
- who will look after your child when they are not at school.

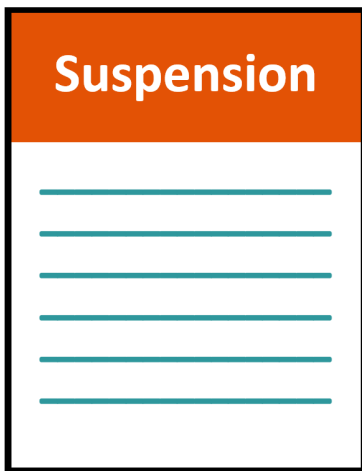


The principal will then think about:

- what happened
- why it happened
- ways to help your child stay at school.



If the principal decides it's the only way to make sure other people at school are safe, your child will be suspended.



If your child is suspended, the principal will give you and your child:

- a notice of suspension
- a copy of this letter.



The principal will also talk to you about how your child will get home safe.

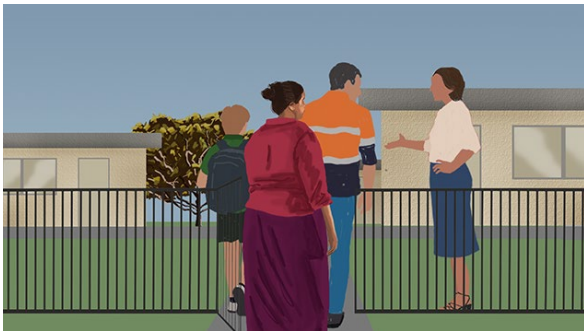
School work at home

Children will get schoolwork to do when they are on suspension.



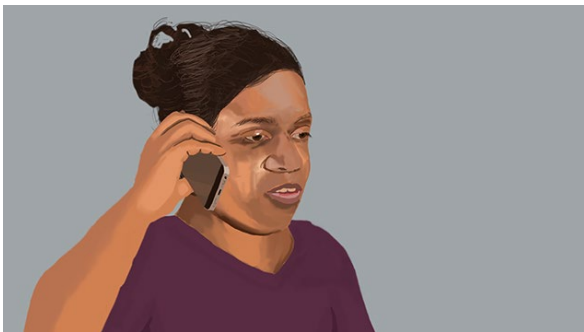
What happens at the end of suspension?

The school will ask you and your child to attend a meeting to welcome them back to school.



Do you want to know more?

If you have any questions during the suspension or think the suspension is unfair, you can talk it through with the principal.



Complaints

If you are not happy after that, you can make an [online complaint](#) or call the regional office and talk to them about how to work it out.

Regional office	Phone number
Darwin	8999 5612
Top End	8944 9200
Central	8951 1616
East Arnhem	8987 0888
Big Rivers	8972 5389
Barkly	8963 2010

The Department of Education and Training will try to fix the complaint within 30 days. If you are not happy after you hear back about your complaint, you can ask for a review.

Review

You have 20 days from the time you hear about your complaint to ask for a [review](#). You will need to email: resolution.doe@education.nt.gov.au and tell them why you want a review.

More information

If you want to talk to someone about your child's behaviour, you can call:

Parentline

Phone: 1300 30 1300 available from 6am to midnight every day

Website: www.parentline.com.au

Children can talk to:

Kids Helpline

Phone 1800 551 800 available 24 hours a day, every day

Website: www.kidshelpline.com.au

or

Headspace

Phone: 1800 650 890 3pm to 10pm, every day

Website: www.headspace.org.au