

Attendance Policy

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1. Scope

This policy applies to all staff at Expanse Learning Wigan School (hereafter the school)

Contact Details

The name and contact details of the senior leader responsible for the strategic approach to attendance in our school is:

Name Lisa Heyes Contact Details – 01942 877715

The name and contact details of the school staff member pupils and parents should contact about attendance on a day-to-day basis is:

Name Robert Lythgoe Contact Details 01942 877715

Should you wish to discuss more individual support, parents and pupils should contact a member of their Year Team or a member of the Pastoral Team on the school telephone number 01942 877715.

We are committed to ensuring that systems and processes are in place regarding promoting attendance and would encourage parents to make contact with school as soon as possible if they have any concerns about their child.

2. Introduction and Aim

Expanse Learning Wigan School recognises the importance of good attendance and the impact it has on children's progress, attainment, enjoyment of learning and relationships within school. Good attendance helps children to realise their potential and ensures they are motivated, confident, and able to enjoy a diverse range of curricular opportunities and experiences. Children must attend school every day during term time unless an exceptional circumstance applies.

Our school policy and prospectus promote good attendance, which is recognised and rewarded as an achievement. The school monitors attendance to ensure quick and early intervention if a problem is identified. We recognise that whole school preventative and proactive approaches are key to promoting the children's wellbeing and attendance.

Our policy is accessible to leaders, staff, pupils, and parents, and is published on our school website. Please find a copy via this link <u>School Policies - Expanse Learning</u> Parents/Carers will be informed if any updates are made to this policy.

The school recognises that barriers to attendance evolve quickly and as such this policy will be reviewed and updated as necessary.

This Policy is based on the premise of equal opportunities for all.

3. Legal Duty

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at school or by education otherwise than at school.

Regular and punctual attendance at school is essential to enable children to maximise their educational attainment, opportunities, and further development.

Relevant Legislation and Legal Background:

- Section 7 of the Education Act 1996 states that 'The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall
 cause him/her to receive efficient full-time education either by regular attendance at school or otherwise'.
- Section 444 (1) of the Education Act 1996 states that 'if a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school his parent is guilty of an offence'.

- Section 576 Education Act 1996 stipulates that for the purposes of Education Law, parent includes:
 - o All biological parents, whether they are married or not.
 - Any person who, although not a biological parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person - this could be an adoptive parent, a step-parent, guardian or other relative.
 - o any person who, although not a biological parent and does not have parental responsibility, has care of a child or young person. This could be one parent, both parents and/or carers.

4. School Commitment

Everyone in school is committed to promoting the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

We will support pupils and parents to achieve good attendance and punctuality, and we will work closely with parents where absence is a cause for concern.

Expanse School strives for 100% attendance for all pupils. The whole school attendance target is 92%.

We are committed to promoting a positive and welcoming atmosphere in which all pupils feel safe, secure, and valued. We will ensure that attendance is monitored effectively and reasons for absences are recorded promptly and consistently.

We will work with all pupils and their parents to maximise attendance and where necessary, we will put in place additional support and adjustments. If required we will engage additional support from wider services and external partners, making timely referrals.

5. Recording attendance

We will keep an attendance register and place all pupils onto this register. We will take our attendance register at the start of the first session of each school day and once during the second session. During both the first and second session we will record whether each pupil is:

- Present
- Attending an approved educational activity
- Absent; or
- Unable to attend due to exceptional circumstances.

The school will follow up any absences to:

- Ascertain the reason for absence.
- Ensure the proper safeguarding action is taken.
- Identify whether the absence is approved or not.
- Identify the correct code to use before entering it on to the school's electronic register, or management information system as a priority and returned to the school office in a timely manner. This is used to download data to the School Census.
- Consider early identification, assessment, intervention, and support processes that may need to be implemented.

The register is marked using the codes as advised by the Department for Education (DfE) 'Working together to improve School Attendance Guidance' (for maintained schools, academies, independent schools, and local authorities), for further information, please visit:

Working together to improve school attendance (applies from 19 August 2024) (publishing.service.gov.uk)

6. Roles and Responsibilities

The Headteacher will:

- Implement this policy at the school
- Support staff with monitoring the attendance of individual pupils
- Issuing fixed-penalty notices, where necessary

The designated senior leader responsible for attendance will:

- Lead attendance across the school
- Evaluate and monitor expectations and processes
- Have an oversight of data analysis
- Attend meetings with parents to discuss attendance and support packages.

Pastoral Team will:

- Monitor the attendance of students
- Arrange calls and meetings with parents to discuss attendance issues and the support available
- Deliver targeted interventions to support students and families
- Complete home visits when necessary

Teachers will:

- Keep an accurate and up-to-date attendance register of their group
- Liaise with SLT and the Pastoral team about attendance
- Inform appropriate staff if they receive any communication that a student will need to leave the school premises part way through the day by prior arrangement e.g. for a medical appointment
- Monitor students' attendance and punctuality to lessons
- Inform senior members of staff if a student leaves a lesson without permission and does not return within a short
- Mark am and pm registers in a timely fashion
- Discuss the impact of low attendance on learning with families at progress and review meetings where appropriate
- Liaise with Admin staff over any queries
- Keep records of students who arrive late and inform relevant staff.

Administrative staff will:

- Maintain a record of student attendance on the school's computer system Databridge
- Take calls from parents about absence on a day-to-day basis and record it on the school system
- Telephone/Text students' homes as necessary re attendance
- Pass on information re attendance to the relevant staff
- Keep records and inform outside agencies as necessary to comply with local and national policy and procedures
- Notify the safeguarding/pastoral team of absences of vulnerable students
- Send out attendance letters when instructed

Parents/carers will:

- Ensure their child attends every day on time
- Call the school to report their child's absence before 9am on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence and advise when they are expected to return

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- Keep close contact with the school if a student is on extended leave due to ill health
- Provide the school with more than 1 emergency contact number for their child
- Ensure that, where possible, appointments for their child are made outside of the school day

7. Procedure

Children are expected to attend school regularly, unless there is good reason for absence.

There are two types of absence:

- Authorised (where the school approves a pupil absence)
- Unauthorised (where school will not approve the absence)

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The school has a duty to safeguard all pupils. If a child is absent, the parents/carers must inform the school on the first day of absence and each following day of absence, stating the reason.

Parents/Carers should phone school on the morning of the first day of absence and each following day of absence unless it has been agreed by school that this is not necessary if the absence is or likely to be long term.

Parents should call Robert Lythgoe who is responsible for the day-to-day monitoring of attendance and will work with the pastoral team and wider staff to support attendance.

In the event a child is absent from school and the parent/carer has not notified the school of the absence, the school office will contact home as soon as possible. If no contact is established or the reason for absence is not accepted, the absence will be deemed unauthorised. Should contact be established later with parent and a reason for absence is provided, the school may amend this to authorised if they are satisfied with the reason given.

8. Communication between Parents/Carers and School

Communication between parents/carers and the school is extremely important as this enables us to ensure that children are supported and feel settled in school. If your child is absent, you must inform the school immediately in line with the procedure as outlined above.

As a school we recognise that building respectful relationships with families and working in collaboration is essential to ensuring the best outcomes for children/young people. We require all parents to actively support the work of the school, including promoting attendance and engagement. We are committed to ensuring that systems and processes are in place with regards to promoting attendance and would encourage parents to make contact if they have concerns about their child.

In the event there is a persistent lack of engagement by parents, we may seek to secure engagement and school attendance through formal legal procedures.

9. Absence monitoring

School robustly monitors and analyses attendance data to promptly identify and address possible concerns. This allows for early interventions to support the child/family's underlying needs.

This monitoring will include:

- Weekly attendance code analysis
- Weekly analysis of types of persistent absence
- Specific cohort and group monitoring particularly for vulnerable groups i.e. children with a social worker

Absence monitoring allows the school to use data to identify individuals who need support and to work towards reducing persistent and severe absence.

10. Early Identification and Intervention: assess, plan, do, review.

Every pupil has a right to a full-time education and Expanse School sets high attendance expectations for all pupils. Expanse will consider the individual needs of pupils and their families who have specific barriers to attendance.

For any child / young person who is absent from school, it is essential to fully understand the reasons for this so that targeted, evidence-based interventions and support can be put into place. All staff have a part to play in promoting attendance. We recognise the importance of ensuring that key members of staff from across the school, including class teachers, attendance, pastoral and SEND staff work in collaboration to consider and identify the holistic needs of the child/young person and to overcome barriers to attendance. In accordance with the principles of early intervention, a graduated approach of assess, plan, do and review will be followed, utilising a range of school-based resources, evidence-

based interventions and seeking advice and support from external services at an appropriate stage, where required.

Appropriate assessments will be important to help understand the underlying reasons that may be contributing to attendance difficulties. This may be an assessment that focuses on the individual child's needs and will include the views of the child/young person as well as parents/carers and identify strengths (what is working well) and needs (what is working less well).

Assessments undertaken may identify that a child/young person is experiencing underlying emotional based needs that are contributing to non-attendance. As a school we will access appropriate guidance developed by Wigan Local Authority in respect of this: Emotionally Based School Attendance – best practice tool. This is a whole school framework with a graduated approach to support the early identification and intervention of children/young people who may struggle to cope in school/attend school.

Information from assessments will inform a SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Targets) action plan with focussed targets developed in partnership with families, and other services as appropriate. For example, Start Well and Social Care may have a part to play in the delivery of support and intervention to promote engagement and attendance. SMART plans should be personalised to effectively meet a child / young person's needs and improve attendance and wellbeing outcomes.

Regular reviews of support and attendance plans are essential to monitor the impact of interventions and to adjust these accordingly. If, despite targeted support and intervention, attendance and wellbeing concerns persist, we may seek further advice and support from external services including mental health services, specialist teaching and education services.

11. Medical absence

Absence due to sickness must be reported to the school by phone on the first day of absence. The school must be kept informed during longer periods of absence. School will contact parents during the first day if no satisfactory reason for absence has been received.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose, or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Please read this link for further information <u>Is my child too ill for school?</u>

NHS (www.nhs.uk)

If a medical absence is likely to be ongoing or long term, we will offer support in accordance with the school's and Local Authority's policies relating to children with health needs. As a school we need to plan how children can access education during periods of long-term absence and how and when the child will return to school. School will make reasonable adjustments for pupils where necessary and appropriate.

To ensure we have the appropriate pathway of support we will follow our 'Early identification' model and implement an individual plan tailored to a child's medical needs to enable access to suitable education.

As a school we will adhere to the Local Authority policy <u>Education of pupils with medical needs (wigan.gov.uk)</u> This policy includes a graduated response, supporting inclusive practice across all settings to ensure children's continued links to their education provider when their health needs may impact their access to education.

12. Absences due to Medical Appointments

We request that where possible, any dental, GP and other medical appointments are made outside of school time. If it is imperative that such an appointment must be arranged to take place in school time, we request that details of the same

are provided to us as soon as possible.

13. Lateness and punctuality

School begins at 9.15am and all pupils are expected to be in school for registration at that time:

- Register taken at 9.30am
- Registers close at 10.00am

Any child who arrives after the gates are closed must enter the school by the main entrance and report to the school reception to sign in:

- If pupils are not in class when the register is taken, they will be coded as 'L'.
- If pupils arrive after registers close, they will be coded as 'U'.

Children who are consistently late for school are disrupting not only their own education, but also that of other children. Where persistent lateness gives cause for concern, parents/carers will be invited to a meeting to resolve the issues. If there is no improvement following this meeting, further action will be taken which may include referral to external agencies.

You may approach the school at any time for support and advice if you are having difficulty getting your child to school on time or maintaining regular attendance.

14. Unauthorised absence

An absence may be coded as 'unauthorised' if:

- no reason for absence has been given.
- reason for absence is deemed insufficient by School.
- a request for a leave of absence has been unauthorised.
- a pupil arrives at school after registration has closed at 9.30am

Parents/carers should be aware that Expanse School may contact the Local Authority if a pupil has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absences in a rolling period of 10 school weeks with a view to issuing an Education Penalty Notice or other legal action. The Education Penalty Notice is issued individually to each parent/carer who fails to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. The penalty is £80 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days rising to £180 if paid within 28 days. Non-payment of the Fixed Penalty Notice may result in prosecution in the Magistrates court.

Consequences of not attending school (wigan.gov.uk)

15. Application for leave of absence

A Head Teacher may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless it is deemed that there are exceptional circumstances.

The Head Teacher will determine what constitutes an exceptional circumstance on an individual basis. If parents/carers need to request a Leave of Absence, they must complete a 'Leave of Absence' form available from the school office. It should be noted that if any application is declined and absence occurs of a consecutive 5 or more unauthorised days, then school may apply to the Local Authority for an Education Penalty Notice to be issued to each parent/carer.

The following will not be deemed to be exceptional circumstances:

- Family holiday
- Availability of less expensive holiday
- Availability of holiday accommodation
- Parent/carer's working commitments

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Holiday pre-booked by another family member

A child's absence during term time seriously disrupts their continuity of learning. Not only do they miss the teaching on the days they are away but are less prepared for the lessons building on that teaching when they return to school. There is a consequent risk of under achievement, which we must seek to avoid.

16. Religious observance

We recognise that some pupils may need to participate in days of religious observance.

Where a day of religious observance:

- falls during school time and
- has been exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the pupil belongs

We ask that parents/carers notify Expanse School in writing in advance where absence is required due to a religious observance.

17. Enforced school closure

If Expanse School was forced to close for a period, we have the facility to operate an online virtual school. In such circumstances, children are expected to engage with ALL activities when work is set. Procedures for online learning will be sent to parents as and when required.

18. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed annually as a minimum by Lisa Heyes. At every review, the policy will be approved by the Governing board.

In the occurrence of an unprecedented situation, temporary changes of this attendance policy may be implemented. The changes may be influenced by scientific guidance, government policy or school risk assessments which may take one of many forms. The plan for school attendance will be shared with parents when required. This will be communicated via social media, letters and emails or other methods that will be deemed appropriate at the time.

19. Links with other policies

This policy links to the following school policies:

- Safeguarding policy
- Behaviour policy
- Other guidance/policies:
 - Keeping children safe in education GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
 - Mental health issues affecting a pupil's attendance: guidance for schools GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
 - Working together to improve school attendance (applies from 19 August 2024)
 (publishing.service.gov.uk)
 - Children missing education (wigan.gov.uk)
 - Consequences of not attending school (wigan.gov.uk)
 - <u>Summary_table_of_responsibilities_for_school_attendance_applies_from_19_August_2</u> <u>024_.pdf</u>

20. Monitoring arrangements

This policy will be reviewed every 12 months but can be revised as needed.

Impact of non-compliance:

Staff: Disciplinary action, Support, Action Plan

Student: Fixed Term Exclusion, Permanent Exclusion

Legislation/organisational: statutory and non-regulated compliance, damaged professional/corporate image, loss of funding

Compliance lead: Headteacher/Pastoral Team
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Agreed policy location: Company website, Intranet and PeopleHR

Does the policy require Governor approval? No Review Schedule: 12 Months

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Leave of Absence During Term Time

Application for Leave of Absence - Exceptional Circumstances

Please note that there is no automatic right for a student's leave of absence. The school will consider a request for leave of absence in relation to the exceptional circumstances of the application together with the student's attendance and educational attainment.

Student Details:				_			
Name:				Form:			
Please co	omplete a sepa	arate form for	each sibling	; if necessary and	return to	the Past	oral Manager
Absence Details:							
I wish to apply for m	y child to be a	bsent from sc	hool during	the following dat	es:		
First day	First day of absence:		Last day of absence:				
Number of days	s requested:			Return	ning to sch	ool on:	
Please explain the 'e should be aware tha	•			•		absence	during school time: (you
I understand that if leave of absence is not agreed and the time off is still taken, it will be treated as unauthorised and may lead to the issue of a penalty notice for £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, which increases to £160 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider other enforcement options available to them. I am also aware that non-payment of a penalty notice may result in a summons for irregular school attendance. Name of Parent/Carer making the application:							
Signed:				Date:			
PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO SCHOOL, GIVING AT LEAST 4 WEEKS NOTICE OF INTENDED ABSENCE. You are advised not to take leave of absence until you know that the school will authorise your child's absence							
For Office Use Only:							
Acade	emic Year 20_	20			Schoo	ol comm	ents:
Attendance last a							
Attendance this a	cademic year:						
Previous leav	ve of absence:						
	Approved:	Г	7	Signed: (Headte	eacher)		

Code	Definition
/	Present (am)
\	Present (pm)
В	Attending any other educational activity (not dual registered)
С	Leave of absence for exceptional circumstances
C1	Leave of absence for the purpose of participating in a regulated performance or undertaking regulated employment abroad
C2	Leave of absence for a compulsory school age pupil subject to a part-time timetable
D	Dual registered at another school
E	Suspended for permanently excluded
G	Holiday not granted by school
I	Illness
J1	Interview for employment/other education institution
K	Attending education provision arranged by local authority
L	Late arrival
M	Medical/Dental appointment
N	Reason for absence not yet established
0	Absent in other or unknown circumstances
Р	Attending Sporting Activity
Q	Unable to attend the school because of a lack of access arrangements
R	Religious observance
S	Study Leave
Т	Parent travelling for occupational purposes
U	Late (after registration has closed)
V	Educational trip or visit
Х	Not compulsory school age, not required to attend school.
W	Attending Work Experience
Y1	Unable to attend due to transport normally provided not being available
Y2	Unable to attend due to widespread disruption to travel
Y3	Unable to attend due to part of the school premises being closed
Y4	Unable to attend due to the whole school site being unexpectedly closed
Y5	Unable to attend as pupil is in criminal justice detention
Y6	Unable to attend in accordance with public health guidance or law
Y7	Unable to attend because of any other unavoidable cause
#	Planned whole school closure
Z	Prospective pupil not yet on admission register
-	All pupils should attend

Appendix 3: Attendance and absence data

The tables below equate percentage attendance to time missed from school.

Table 1: Attendance over one whole school year for each pupil

Attendance	Missed Days
100%	0
98%	Less than 4 days / 8 sessions
97%	Less than 5 days / 10 sessions (school target)
95%	Less than 10 days / 20 sessions
90%	20 days / 40 sessions
85%	27 ½ days / 55 sessions
80%	37 ½ days / 75 sessions

Table 2: Attendance over 5 years for each pupil

Attendance	Missed Weeks
85-90%	19 weeks – ½ year absence from school
80%	38 weeks = 1 full year absence from school

What does 'percentage attendance' mean?

Parents/carers should be advised that the Government have categorised those pupils who have attendance of 90% and below as 'Persistent Absent' pupils (PA). The table below shows the learning time lost against percentage attendance figures.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days Missed	Equivalent Sessions Missed	Equivalent Weeks missed	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 days	18 sessions	1.4 weeks	45 lessons
90%	19 days	38 sessions	3.4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	58 sessions	5.4 weeks	145 lessons
80%	36 days	72 sessions	7.1 weeks	180 lessons
75%	48 days	96 sessions	9.3 weeks	240 lessons

As of May 2022, the Department for Education have categorised those pupils who have attendance of 50% and below as 'Severely Absent' pupils. The Department for Education advise for all pupils who fall within this category to have a robust multi-agency plan and approach in place to support.

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CHILDREN MISSING EDUCATION REFERRAL & CHECKLIST June 2022 v5

As outlined in the statutory guidance for Local Authorities 'Children Missing from Education' are children of compulsory school age who are not a registered pupil at a school or are not receiving suitable education other if they are not registered at a school.

Where a pupil has not returned to school for ten days without authorisation the school and the local authority have a responsibility to jointly make reasonable enquiries to establish the whereabouts of the child. The appropriate completion of this checklist ensures that the Local Authority and school have fulfilled this responsibility.

It is school's responsibility to follow up all unexplained and unexpected absences in a timely manner and every effort should be made to establish the reason for a pupil's absence. If you require advice and guidance, please contact the Children Missing Education inbox CME@wigan.gov.uk. Where there are concerns in relation to safeguarding or child protection issues contact the Children First Partnership Hub on 01942 828300.

It is important that one checklist is completed for each child within the family, please do not include all children on one.

During the first 10 days of absence (reason unknown), school must complete this referral form and checklist. Once completed if the child's whereabouts remains unknown, please make a referral to the Children Missing Education CME@wigan.gov.uk within 5 days or earlier if all checks have been completed.

At any point if you feel a child is at risk of significant harm, FGM, human trafficking or sexual exploitation refer immediately to social care please contact 01942 828300

Please note that if the child is residing or located in the Wigan Borough, they are not a CME and should not be removed from school roll. Policies in relation to school attendance should be followed in these cases.

CHILD'S INFORMATION:

Child's Name:	DOB:
Child's Address:	
2	
Previous Address: (if known)	
School:	
Parent/carer's names:	
Parent/carer's address:	
Contact names & numbers:	
(include emergency)	
Any known siblings & school:	

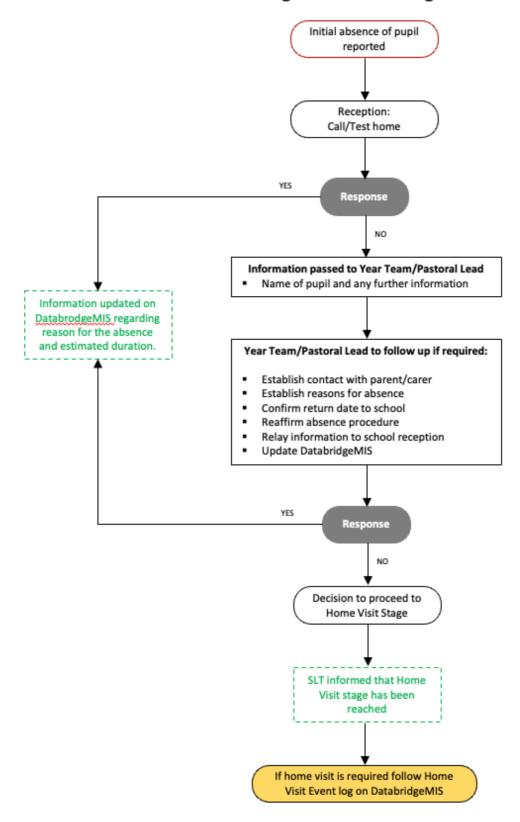
Name of Member of staff completing form			
School checklist	Dates/Times	<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Name</u>
School to attempt to contact parent on first day of			
absence.			
This includes Truancy Call, First Day calling, Text,			
Email, all emergency contacts. Please detail all			
contact methods - whether a message was left, if the			
phone is working, is there an international dialling			
tone.			
School to check possible whereabouts with staff and			
pupils?			
This should include checking with family friends, all			
staff members, the child's friends, social media			
Contact all emergency contact numbers you hold in			
school.			
Visit to address(es) by school.			
Leave card if no answer			
Does the property look empty?			
Is someone at home but not answering the door?			
NB if school policy does not permit home visit a			
police welfare check to be requested			

Contact made with involved agencies within 5 working days (Social Care, EMAS team, School Nurse etc)					
Contact made with agencies to understand when					
they last had contact/saw the child (no consent					
needed)					
- Social care					
- school nurse (when did health have any contact					
with the child)					
School to contact the new school or Local Authority					
the child is believed to have moved to? What were the outcomes?					
https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council					
NB – Has the child been seen? State when & by					
whom					
If not seen, what further action has been taken?					
(Refer to CME Policy Doc for advice)					
Reason for CME checks:					
Any other agencies involved:					
They outer agencies involved.					
Manua vula arabilitu frial factore					
Known vulnerability/risk factors Do you feel this child is at risk of harm or neglect Y/N please provide detail:					
Do you feel this child is at risk of harm or neglect Y/N please provide detail:					
Is this child Gypsy Roma Traveller?	Yes No No				
Is this child parents service personnel?	Yes No No				
Has this child had any Missing from home episodes?	Yes No No				
Is this child known to the Youth Justice System?	Yes No No				
Does this child have any SEN/learning needs?	Yes No No				
Are there any other vulnerabilities you are aware of? Please	l e provide detail.				
The there any other value abilities you are aware or. I lease provide actum.					
Date:					

All boxes must be completed, of not relevant please enter N/A ALL BOXES MUST BE COMPLETED, IF NOT RELEVANT PLEASE ENTER N/A

Please submit this referral to CME@wigan.gov.uk

Wigan School Absence Flowchart - Stage One Initial Stage



Stage Two: Attendance Letters:

Letter 1: If student's attendance drops to 92% issue **attendance letter 1**. An attendance concern must now be opened on DatabridgeMIS and attendance to be monitored and reflected in commentary section.

Letter 2: If student's attendance drops to 90% issue **attendance letter 2**. Invite to meeting as stated in letter. If necessary, an Early Help will be opened and a referral to **Startwell/Attendance Team** made.

Letter 3: If still no improvement, attendance letter 3 sent out and meeting with SLT arranged (as stated in letter) to discuss referral to Attendance Team/EPN

Please ensure DatabridgeMIS
Attendance Concern event is
updated for each student throughout
the process

Other Information:

Other letters available:

- Leave of absence
- Religious Observance
- Persistent Lateness

If a Reduced Timetable is used the Local Authority must be informed