



Children Missing From Education

Introduction

Children who are not receiving suitable education are potentially exposed to higher degrees of risk, and this can include engagement in anti-social or criminal behaviour, social disengagement, forced marriage & FGM radicalisation and/or sexual exploitation

It is our duty to Identify Children Missing from Education. Below is a list of children who are likely to go missing from education.

- Children at risk of forced marriage or FGM
- Young people at risk of radicalisation
- Young people who have committed criminal offences
- Children living in women's refuges
- Children in homeless families, perhaps living in temporary accommodation, houses of multiple occupancy or Bed and Breakfast accommodation
- Young runaways
- Children with long-term medical or emotional health problems
- Unaccompanied asylum seekers and refugees, or the children of asylum-seeking families
- Looked after children
- Children from Gypsy/Roma/Traveller background
- Young carers
- Children from transient families, i.e. students who have experienced high levels of mobility between different education providers
- Teenage mothers
- Children excluded from school
- Children in private fostering arrangements
- Children taken off roll following a lengthy absence due to an extended family holiday taken in term-time
- EU nationals who have the right of abode in the UK - this now includes a significant number of asylum seekers granted status by other EC countries and who have subsequently moved to the UK
- Others who have come from abroad to live and/or work in the UK
- Children who have particular social and behavioural difficulties and are placed in alternative placements.
- Children who have low levels of attendance (Persistent absence)

Whilst we acknowledge preschool age children do not have to attend preschool. It is our duty to safeguard all the children in our care and we will monitor attendance and report any concerns.

It is our policy to call/text parents/carers to find out why a child is absent if a child is due to be at preschool and we have not been advised.