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Welcome to the
Governor Forum

Attendance and Pastoral Support

Tuesday 10th December 2024

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Governor Forum – Attendance and Pastoral Support

Agenda

6.00 pm Registration, refreshments and networking

6.15 pm Welcome and Introduction

- Margaret Gostelow: Chair of BGA

6.30 pm Speakers: **James McClure**

Leyan Jones and Karen Trickett

from Milefield School (HCAT MAT)

followed by an opportunity to ask questions

7.30 pm Completion of Evaluation Form

7.45 pm Close

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Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their children get a full time education, BUT data show that there are concerns and challenges around school attendance.

Why don't children and young people attend school?

- Holidays
- Christmas shopping
- Parental attitudes to school
- Mental health concerns
- Poverty, homelessness
- Safeguarding concerns
(FII, bullying, domestic violence, young carers)
- Birthday
- Illness or medical needs
- Poor curriculum
- Exclusion and suspensions
- EHE
- CME

So we need a breadth of response to identify and deal with the cause

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Working Together to Improve Attendance (August 2024, 94 pages) is the DfE's response

Support First

- Ensure there's a culture in school of high expectations regarding attendance
- Have the 'right' policy
- Use data to monitor attendance
- Work in partnership with other agencies (local authority) and other schools (for example in your MAT)
- Work in partnership with parents and carers
- Offer personalised support to pupils and families with mental health problems or SEND

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Enforcement:

- Attendance Contract
- Education Supervision Order
- Notice to Improve
- Penalty Notice – National Framework
- Prosecution in Magistrates Court
- Parenting Order
- Persistent absence when all support has been offered could equal neglect

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Governors:

- Are we pro-active in addressing attendance?
- Is our attendance policy published in an accessible format for parents?
- Do we offer all staff sufficient training in attendance and time to prioritise it?
- Do we offer praise and other incentives for good attendance?
- Do we look outwards to collaborate with other schools and find examples of good practice?
- Do we have link governor who pulls together SEND, mental health and behaviour in relation to attendance?
- Is our curriculum exciting so that children want to come to school and learn?

More info

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Our Next Forums

Tuesday 28th January

**– Finance for Governors of Academies
and Maintained Schools**

Tuesday 25th February

– Safeguarding Update for Governors

Tuesday 25th March

– SEND for Governors

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Thank you for attending the Forum

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