

Absence from school

1

Parents

2

Schools

3

The Local Authority

We want your child to achieve

Most parents from time to time need some help. Not everyone can rely upon relatives and grandparents for help, but it is up to you to ask for that help if you need it.

Schools in Dudley understand the difficulties that parents face. If you want your child to achieve and become everything that you hope for, the school is the best starting point.

Dudley MBC
your partner
for success

Intervene Early

Do not leave it until the last minute if you are experiencing any difficulty around your child's attendance or behaviour, contact your school as early as possible to avoid habits and behaviours becoming embedded. This could become difficult to put right later on.



Its more than just the child

As you are aware, more often than not there is more than one problem that may be impacting upon a child and often any problems that they are experiencing at home can then manifest themselves through the child's behaviour or absence .

Schools are committed to providing support regardless of race, culture, religion, social background or disability .

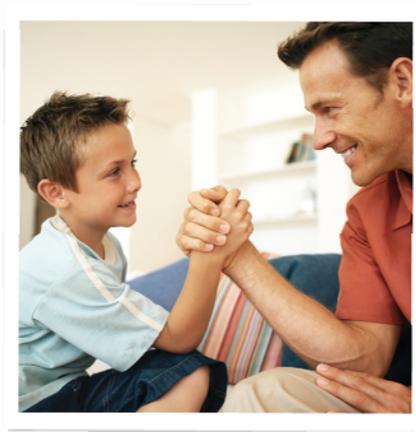
Information for
parents and carers

The Education Investigation Service



PUTTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FIRST

Some schools have the capacity to employ staff directly, alternatively some commission private companies to help them to address the welfare needs of the child and maintain contact with parents whose children are not attending school. Only the Dudley Education Investigation Service have the authority to take legal proceedings against you.



Your responsibilities

Make sure your child is educated either at a mainstream school, an Academy, a free or independent school, or educated otherwise than at school.

- Education
- Additional Needs
- Health, Disability
- Parental Engagement
- Young Carers
- Assessment

1

Parents

Parents know their children better than anyone else but you should:

- Work with the school to improve attendance
- Keep talking and meeting with the school.
- Tell them if you have a problem
- Ask for help if you need it
- Support your children in meeting anything agreed with the school

2

Schools

What you can expect of schools:

- Listen to you and work with you
- Be open and honest with you
- Work with you to support your child's attendance
- Address any additional needs that your child may have, or identify agencies to help
- Include you in discussions about his/her education

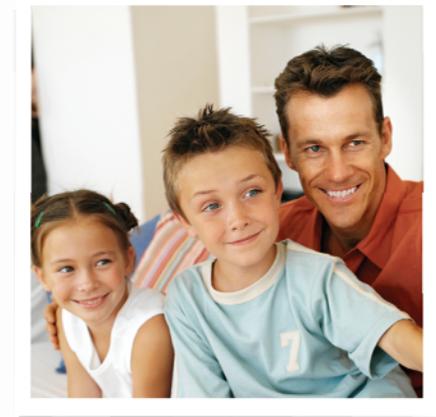
3

The Local Authority

The Education Investigation Service is the statutory arm of Dudley MBC

If for any reason you receive any communication from an Education Investigation Officer it is because the situation has reached a stage where the school feel you are not supporting your child, do not delay in responding to this service

You can get further information from your schools web site, or you can visit DirectGov/school attendance.



Contact Numbers

Use this space to record the contact details for your school.

*YOUR PARTNER
FOR SUCCESS*