



## Children Missing Education



School education lays vital foundations in a child's life. Research proves the link between regular school attendance and educational progress and attainment. At Franche Community Primary School we work in partnership with parents/carers to make pupils' school experience positive and to ensure every child reaches their full potential.

Parent/Carers have a duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age receives a full-time education.

Some parents elect to educate their child at home. Where a parent notifies the school in writing that they are home educating, the school will remove the child's name from the admissions register and inform the local authority.

It is important that if families decide to send their child to a different school that they inform Franche Community Primary School as soon as possible.

A pupil will not be removed from the school roll until the following information has been received:

- The date the pupil will be leaving the school and starting their new one
- The address of the new school
- A new home address if appropriate

Once the information is received, the pupil's school records will be sent to the new school. In the event that the school has not been informed of the above information, the family will be referred to the local authority.

Franché Community Primary School recognises that a child may become missing from education. Procedures are in place to obtain information when children move out of an area, go abroad or arrive at school to obtain a place from another area.

Who are the children at risk of missing education?

Children of compulsory school age who are:

- Not on a school roll;
- Not receiving a full-time education;
- Identified as having been out of educational provision for a period of time.

Children go missing from education for a number of reasons:

- Failure to secure a school place after moving to a new area;
- Removed by their parent/carers;
- They do not start school at the appropriate time and so do not enter the education system.

Franché Primary School's response to children missing education:

- Attendance is monitored daily;
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead and Attendance Officer will make reasonable enquiries to establish the child's whereabouts ie daily phone calls and/or safe and well checks to the family home;
- Franche will inform the Local Authority if a child has missed ten consecutive school days without explanation or permission.

More Information:

[http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20595/behaviour\\_and\\_attendance/293/children\\_missing\\_education](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20595/behaviour_and_attendance/293/children_missing_education)