



## Attendance Policy

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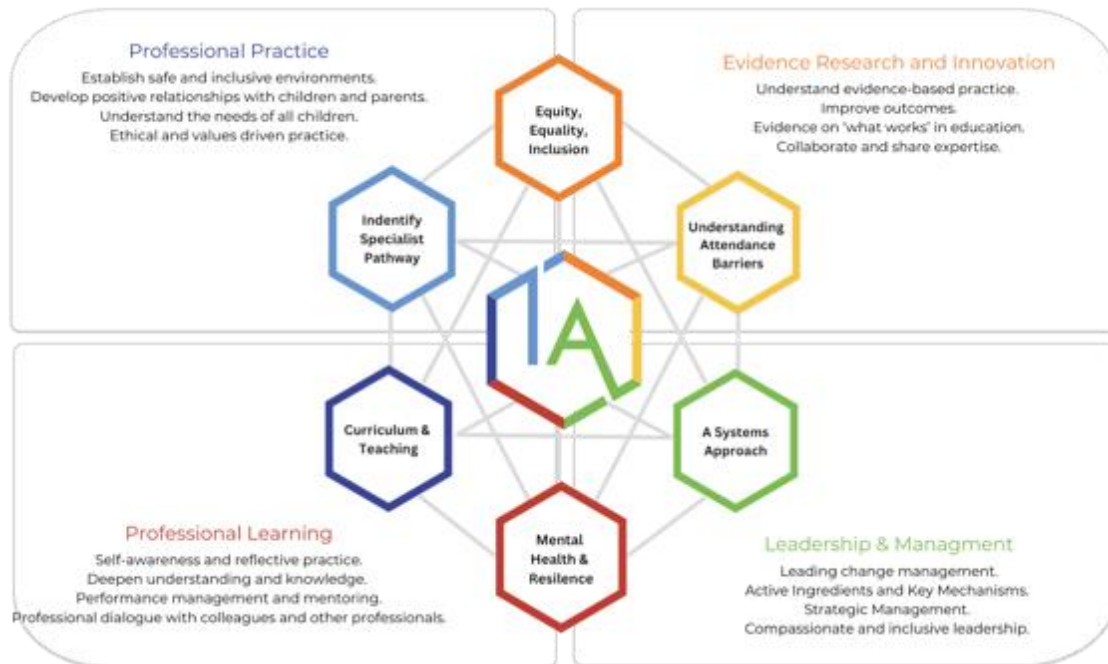
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### Introduction

Henley Green Primary School is proudly recognised as an Inclusive Attendance school. Our unwavering commitment to attendance centres around child-centric actions, evidence-informed practices, and a shared understanding of everyone's roles and collective responsibilities to promote exceptional attendance.

### Inclusive Attendance Professional Development Model

The Inclusive Attendance professional development model fundamentally guides our attendance approach. Comprising six tailored Learning Modules, this model empowers us to deepen our understanding by facilitating continuous professional learning for all staff. Within this model, the four domains of practice ensure the provision of professional learning, professional development, evidence-based practices, and exemplary leadership and management to seamlessly integrate theory into practice.





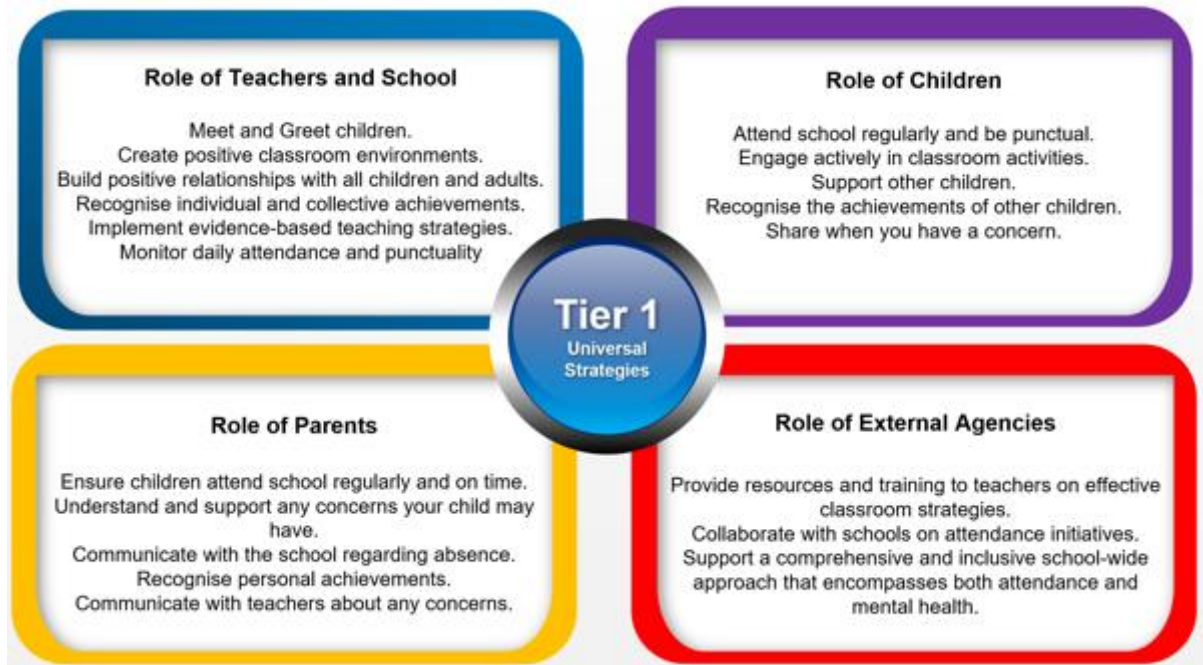
### **Annual Inclusive Attendance 7-Month Development Programme**

Each year Henley Green Primary School review and further enhance attendance practices through dedicated participation in the Inclusive Attendance 7-month development programme. This investment allows us to extend support to our children and their families.

### **A Multi-Tiered System of Support**

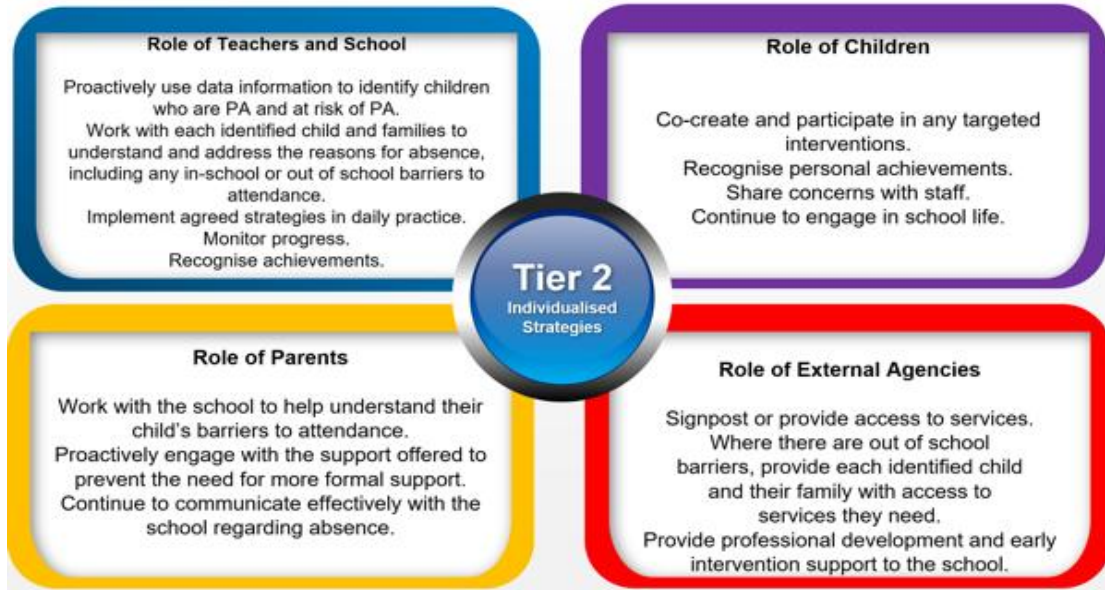
To guarantee a comprehensive approach to attendance, Henley Green implements a Multi-Tiered System of Support. A Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for school attendance involves three tiers of intervention, with roles for teachers, the school, children, parents, and external agencies – including the Local Authority. Data-driven decision-making and training requirements are pivotal to the implementation of this system. The system aligns with the Department for Education's (DFE) "Working Together to Improve School Attendance" statutory paper 2024.

### **Tier 1 - Universal Approach: Establishing a baseline universal attendance approach that benefits all children.**

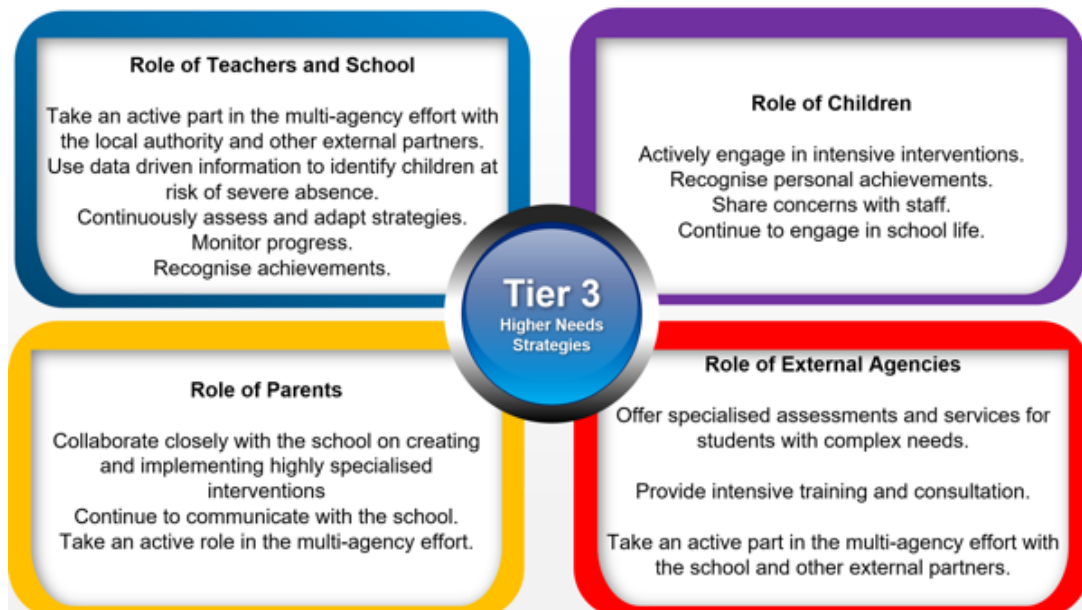




**Tier 2 – Internal individualised Strategies and Early Help Support: Tailoring strategies to individual needs and providing early help support for persistent attendance challenges.**



**Tier 3 - Higher Needs Strategies Support: Furnishing specialised support for children, young people, and families with complex attendance requirements, including access to external agency support when necessary.**





### **The Importance of School Attendance at Henley Green**

School attendance is not merely a requirement but a fundamental pillar of education. It plays a pivotal role in shaping academic success, personal growth, and future prospects, making it an indispensable aspect of any educational system. Regular attendance to school can have a significant impact on:

- *Academic Achievement:* Regular attendance directly correlates with academic success. Children who attend school consistently are more likely to keep up with the curriculum, perform better in exams, and improve their life outcomes.
- *Knowledge Acquisition:* School is where children acquire knowledge and skills that are crucial for their personal and professional growth. Missing days means missing out on valuable learning opportunities.
- *Social Development:* School provides a vital social environment for children and adolescents to interact with peers, develop friendships, and learn essential social skills. Consistent attendance ensures children remain connected to their peer group.
- *Building Routine:* School attendance establishes a structured routine in children's lives, teaching them time management and responsibility, which are valuable life skills.
- *Teacher Interaction:* Regular attendance allows for meaningful teacher-child interactions. Teachers can provide personalised support, address questions, and assess individual progress more effectively when children attend regularly.
- *Preventing Knowledge Gaps:* Frequent absences can lead to significant knowledge gaps, making it challenging for children to catch up with missed lessons, potentially resulting in long-term academic struggles.
- *School Engagement:* Children who attend school regularly are more likely to engage in extracurricular activities, sports, and other enriching experiences that contribute to their overall development.
- *Legal and Parental Responsibility:* Parents or guardians are legally responsible for ensuring their child's regular school attendance. Failing to do so can lead to legal consequences.
- *Community Well-being:* High levels of school attendance contribute to the overall well-being of communities.



### **Factors Influencing Attendance**

There are many factors which can impact on a child attending school, if you have any concerns you should contact the school as soon as possible:

*Health Issues:* Children may experience physical or mental health issues that lead to absences. Chronic illnesses, infections, and mental health conditions can impact a student's ability to attend school regularly.

*Family Circumstances:* Family-related factors such as bereavement, family illness, or caring responsibilities can result in absences from school. In some cases, students may need to take time off to support their families.

*Bullying and Safety Concerns:* Experiences of bullying, harassment, or safety concerns at school can deter students from attending. They may fear for their safety or well-being, leading to increased absenteeism.

*Transportation Issues:* Difficulty in accessing transportation to school, especially in rural areas, can affect attendance. Lack of reliable transportation options can lead to sporadic attendance.

*Socioeconomic Factors:* Families facing financial difficulties may struggle to provide necessary resources for their children to attend school regularly. Issues such as lack of appropriate clothing, food, or a stable home environment can contribute to absenteeism.

*Special Educational Needs (SEN):* Students with special educational needs may require additional support and accommodations to attend school regularly.

*Engagement and Motivation:* Lack of engagement with school activities and a perceived lack of relevance in the curriculum can lead to disinterest in attending. Children who are not motivated may avoid attending school.

*Academic Challenges:* Students facing academic difficulties or feeling overwhelmed by coursework may avoid school. They may fear falling behind or failing in their studies.

*Cultural and Language Barriers:* Children from diverse backgrounds may face challenges related to language barriers or cultural differences. These challenges can affect their attendance and engagement with school.

*Peer Pressure and Social Factors:* Influence from peers can impact attendance. Children may avoid attending school to align with the behaviour of their peers or to engage in social activities outside of school.

*Parental Involvement:* Parental support and involvement in a child's education can positively influence attendance. Lack of parental engagement may lead to increased absenteeism.



### **Supporting Attendance at Henley Green**

To address any identified attendance issues effectively, Henley Green will implement a range of strategies such as early intervention, support for vulnerable families, intervention programmes, and creating a positive and inclusive school environment. Understanding the specific factors affecting attendance for individual children and families is crucial for developing any targeted interventions and support systems to improve attendance outcomes.

### **Attendance and Punctuality Expectations at Henley Green**

- School gates will be opened by 8.45am every day.
- School gates will be closed at 9.00am every day.
- If you arrive after 9.00am, please take your children to the office entrance, where you will be asked to complete a 'late slip' and to give an explanation for why your child is late to school.
- Registers close at 9.00am -after this time your child will be recorded as late.
- If you child is unable to attend school, please contact the school office or the Family Support Team mobile phone.
- If we do not hear from you, we will call you or we may make a home visit.
- We may ask for medical evidence of any absences or appointments.

### **Contact Details of School Staff at Henley Green**

Name of Staff Member	Roles and Responsibilities	Contact Details
Michelle Newton	Attendance Champion	Via the School Office: 02476 613163 <a href="mailto:admin@henleygreen.coventry.sch.uk">admin@henleygreen.coventry.sch.uk</a>  <b>OR</b> <b>Message via School DOJO</b>
Kim Morris	Attendance Officer	
Rebecca Bond	Head Teacher & Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	
Chris Lockwood	Governor for School Attendance.	
Cat Strickland	Deputy Head Teacher and Early Years Lead	
Estelle Collett-Cox	Deputy Head Teacher and SENDCo	
Mair Coonan	Assistant Head Teacher and EAL Lead	
Amandeep Nahal / Andrea Crawford	Phase Leaders Years 1 & 2	
Julianne Smith	Phase Leader Years 3 & 4	
Carolyn Hadley	Phase Leader Years 5 & 6	



### **Strategies for Using Data to Target Attendance Improvement Efforts at Henley Green**

Our Attendance Champion looks at whole school attendance data to look at patterns in absence and to highlight whether particular groups of children are not attending school. These groups include:

- The whole school and Individual year groups.
- Individual pupils.
- Demographic groups, e.g., pupils from different ethnic groups
- Different Key groups, such as Pupils with SEND and children who are looked after or previously looked after and children who qualify for free school meals
- Pupils who have an allocated social worker or are known to social care.
- A pupil who is absent for prolonged periods, or repeated occasions, which may indicate a safeguarding concern.
- Pupils at risk of Persistent Absence (pupils who miss 19 days or more).
- Pupils at risk of Severe Absence (pupils who miss 95 days or more).

### **Strategy for Reducing Persistent Absence (PA) and Severe Absence (SA) at Henley Green**

- All parents/carers of children who are at risk PA are contacted and sent a letter detailing why their children are at risk of PA.
- Parents of PA children or where children are a risk of PA, will be invited into school to meet with the Head Teacher and Attendance Officer. We will look at ways we can support and remove barriers.
- Where children and parents/carers are identifying barriers to learning, we will work with other relevant school staff (e.g teachers, SENDCo, Family Support Team and other possible outside agencies) to remove barriers.
- Where appropriate children may work with Learning Mentors to support their transition into school from home. They may also work with Learning Mentors to support them during parts of the day which children find difficult.
- Children may be invited to specific lunchtime provision to support their social and emotional development.
- Children may work with members of the Family Support Team to support their well-being, confidence and to help them manage emotions and problems.
- Adults will meet and greet children every day and welcome them into school.
- Teachers will contact absent children's parents/carers via DOJO to ask how the children are, to let them know what they have missed and to welcome them back into school.

### **Monitoring**

It is the responsibility of the Governing Body to monitor overall attendance and the head teacher will produce an annual report. The Governing Body also has the responsibility for seeing that this is carried out. Governors will therefore examine the information provided in the report to satisfy themselves that attendance meets required standards.



The school will keep accurate attendance records for a minimum period of three years after a child has left the school. The legal status of school registers is stressed to all staff and meticulous effort is made to ensure they are accurate. Registers are maintained electronically, which allows staff to add comments about the reason for absence, arrival time for lateness, the efforts made by school to contact home and the outcome of these efforts. Class teachers are responsible for monitoring attendance in their class, as well as for taking action on day-to-day absences.

### **Details of the National Framework for Penalty Notices at Henley Green**

Penalty notices are issued to parents as an alternative to prosecution where they have failed to ensure that their child of compulsory school age regularly attends the school where they are registered or, in certain cases, at a place where alternative provision is provided. Penalty notices can be used by all schools (with the exception of independent schools) where the pupil's absence has been recorded with one or more of the unauthorised codes and that absence(s) constitutes an offence. A penalty notice can be issued to each parent liable for the offence or offences. They should usually only be issued to the parent or parents who have allowed the absence (regardless of which parent has applied for a leave of absence).

Penalty notices are intended to prevent the need for court action and should only be used where it is deemed likely to change parental behaviour and support to secure regular attendance has been provided and has not worked or been engaged with, or would not have been appropriate in the circumstances of the offence (e.g. an unauthorised holiday in term time).

175/176 – Working Together to Improve School Attendance – August 2024 [Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

In line with the guidance, Coventry City Council will prioritise the 'support first' approach expecting that support will have been offered to families in cases where it is appropriate. However, Penalty Notices can be issued without a Notice to Improve in cases where support is not appropriate (such as leave of absence in term time) or when support has not been engaged with.

Penalty Notices are requested by schools and issued by the Local Authority to the parents/carers of statutory school age children, per parent, per child. For example: two children in a family absent from school for a leave of absence may result in each parent receiving a Penalty Notice for each child at the below rates.

- **First offence** - The first time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be: £80 per parent, per child paid within 21 days. This increases to £160 per parent, per child if paid after day 21, until day 28. Any non-payment of the Penalty Notice may result in a prosecution.
- **Second Offence (within 3 years)** - the second time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Any non-payment of the Penalty Notice may result in a prosecution.



- **Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)** - the third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the parent(s) may be prosecuted under section 444(1A) of the Act. Fines could be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

### **Leave of Absence and Requesting Leave**

There is no automatic right to any leave of absence and **all schools in Coventry are encouraged to adopt a policy of not authorising exceptional leave.** Department for Education guidance issued in 2013 states that “Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.” Being mindful of this, only in very exceptional circumstances will the school grant leave of absence during term time.

If parents wish to take their child out of school during term time, a request for leave of absence must be made on the “**Application for Exceptional Leave of Absence**” form as soon as possible before the exceptional leave is due to begin, except in an emergency, in which case the application will be considered on an individual basis. Application for Exceptional Leave of Absence forms can be obtained from the School Office. A decision from the school will be given within five working days.

Penalty Notices can be requested by schools for leave of absence in term time for 10 sessions (5 or more days). This can be consecutive absence, or non- consecutive. In line with the National Framework, the Local Authority retains the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, when parents/carers are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking multiple term time holidays below threshold, or for repeated absence for birthdays or other family events, or a combination of non-attendance due to leave of absence and unauthorised absence.

### **Authorised and Unauthorised Absence**

An absence is classified as authorised when a child has been away from school for a legitimate reason and the school has received notification from a parent or guardian. For example, if a child has been unwell, the parent will telephone the school (office or Family Support Team) to explain the absence. Parents can also directly speak to school staff at the school gate or at the school office. Reasons for absence need to be specific; the school does not accept the generic terms of ‘unwell’, ‘poorly’ or ‘sick’ etc. The school then records this information on the child’s electronic attendance record.

Only the school can make an absence authorised. Parents do not have this authority. Consequently, not all absences supported by parents will be classified as authorised. For example, if a parent takes a child out of school to go shopping during school hours, this will not make it an authorised absence. Medical evidence may be required or requested by the school in the case of repeated absence and



includes; medical appointment cards or letters, medical text messages or emails, a copy of prescriptions, a medication packet prescribed by the GP or note from a GP or other health professional.

An absence is classified as unauthorised when a child is away from school without the permission of both the parent *and* the school. Therefore, the absence is unauthorised if a child is away from school without good reason, even with the support of a parent. Penalty Notices can be requested by schools when there have been 10 sessions (5 or more days) of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. In these circumstances a Notice to Improve will be sent by the Local Authority on behalf of the school, this will detail the minimum support expected to have been implemented to improve school attendance. The Notice to Improve will also detail the expected improvements that must be made over a 20 day period to prevent the Penalty Notice being issued.

### **Appointments**

Routine or non-urgent medical appointments (e.g. routine dental and eye check-ups) **should be made outside of school hours**. If it is necessary to make an unavoidable appointment during the school day (e.g. a hospital appointment with a consultant), an appointment card, email, text or letter should be provided, in order for a child's absence to be authorised. Please bring this to the School Office. When at all possible, children should attend school before and/or after the medical appointment

### **Removal from roll**

If a child is missing and their whereabouts are unknown, we will follow the Local Authority procedures in taking immediate steps to locate that child as soon as possible.

Removal from Roll- In the event of school transfer or a pupil moving to another area:

A pupil will normally remain on roll until notification is received from the receiving school. Should no notification be received, we will make every effort to locate the pupil in conjunction with the Local Authority. If unsuccessful, a Children Missing Education (CME) referral must be completed.

In the case of unauthorised holidays, where a pupil has not returned to school for ten days after an authorised absence or is absent from school without authorisation for twenty consecutive school days the pupil can be removed from the admission register. Parents are made aware of this before the leave of absence, and by letter when the child's name has been removed from the roll. CME forms will also be completed for children who are persistently absent from school, and children who are sporadic attenders. This only applies if the school does not have reasonable grounds to believe that the pupil is unable to attend because of sickness or unavoidable cause.



### **Elective Home Education**

As a parent, you have the legal right to choose to educate your children other than by attendance at school, usually by providing education at home.

#### **Section 7 of the 1996 Education Act states that:**

'The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him/her to receive full-time education suitable -

(a) to his/her age, ability and aptitude, and;

(b) to any special educational needs he/she may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise."

The phrase "or otherwise" allows education outside of formal schooling, providing that the parent/carer can meet the child's needs, as stated above.

Schools have a responsibility to notify the LA of any children who come off their roll to be home educated. This is done by providing a copy of a deregistration email/letter from the parent. This letter must be sent to Mrs Bond – Head Teacher at Henley Green. School will then complete the online Elective Home Education referral form.

Children will be removed from the school roll AFTER the EHE referral form has been completed. School can back date the removal from roll to the date of notification from parents as stated in their email or letter.

### **Processes for Managing Attendance at Henley Green**

**Stage 1:** Home visits are conducted to see if help and support can be given. NHS guidelines are sent out to parents to show the length of time a child may need off school due to an illness e.g. that may involve being absent from school due to the illness being contagious. Attendance leaflets are provided to show the importance of attending school every day.

Where there is no medical evidence or reason for absence and there is no improvement, a Stage 1 letter is sent home to raise concern.

**Stage 2:** If no improvement is made the attendance officer informs parents of the number of lates and days absent.

- A stage 2 letter is sent home to parents by the attendance officer.
- At this stage, parents/carers are invited into school for a meeting with the attendance officer and the Head Teacher.
- Parents and carers are given the opportunity to discuss any issues or difficulties that may be causing lateness or very low attendance.
- Attendance Officer/Family support team collect information from the parent, the child and staff to complete the ATTEND Tool.
- A support plan is implemented and agreed which may include a voluntary Early Help assessment and support.
- The plan will run for six weeks, working in conjunction with school.



(ENAS Coventry **Extended Non-Attendance in Schools** Guidance)

At the end of the six week plan, parents/carers, with the Attendance Officer and Head Teacher will meet to review progress. If there has been no improvement, a referral will be made to the Local Authority Attendance officer who will make contact with parents and carers.

**Stage 3:** The Local Authority will continue to support school and will make a decision as to whether a new six week plan will begin, whether an Educational Supervision Order will be put in place or whether a fine will be put in place.

We follow the **Coventry Extended Non-Attendance in Schools (ENAS)** guidance. 'This in place to reduce the risk of assumptions being made about the cause of a specific period of absence.' This support will be implemented when a pupil has been out of school for more than ten days, over a three week period, without evidence for an authorised absence.

### **Education Supervision Orders ESOs**

#### **Purpose of ESOs and when they may be appropriate.**

Where a voluntary early help plan, or formal attendance contract has not been successful, an Education Supervision Order (ESO) can be a useful alternative to provide formal legal intervention without criminal prosecution. In deciding whether to progress to an ESO, the school and local authority should have exhausted voluntary support and be clear that making the order would be beneficial for the pupil and parent. Where safeguarding concerns exist, the lead practitioner should also discuss with the school's designated safeguarding lead and children's social care services and agree an ESO would be a more suitable option than a s.17 (Children in Need) or s.47 (Child Protection) plan. In all cases, local authorities must fully consider using an ESO before moving forward to prosecution.

ESOs are made through the Family or High Court, rather than Magistrates Court. They give the local authority a formal role in advising, helping and directing the pupil and parent(s) to ensure the pupil receives an efficient, full-time, suitable education. For the duration of the ESO, the parent's duties to secure the child's education and regular attendance are superseded by a duty to comply with any directions given by the local authority under the ESO. The order initially lasts for one year, but extensions can be secured within the last 3 months for a period of up to 3 years at a time.

#### **Contents of an ESO**

If it is decided to progress with an ESO, the local authority should notify parents in writing of the intention to consider an ESO and set up a meeting to discuss with the parent (including the pupil if they are old enough to understand). Following the conversation, the local authority should make its decision and inform the parent and pupil of whether the case will be taken forward to court or not. Where the decision is to proceed, this can be combined with the service of an application notice.



Once an ESO is secured, an officer of the local authority should be chosen to act as the supervisor of the order on the authority's behalf; this does not need to be an attendance officer, rather it should be whichever lead practitioner is working with the family (including their social worker where appropriate). Schools should, however, work in partnership with the local authority and whilst the designated supervisor (the local authority) retains overall responsibility, schools can and should provide support and supervision where appropriate.

The supervisor must determine any directions (requirements the parent must adhere to) to give whilst the order is in force. There is not a prescribed list, but they may include:

- Requiring the parent(s) to attend support meetings
- Requiring the parent(s) to attend a parenting programme or counselling
- Requiring the parent(s) to access support services
- Requiring an assessment by an educational psychologist

Review meetings involving all parties (including the school) should be held every 3 months throughout the period the ESO is in force. At these meetings any actions and directions should be discussed and added or amended.

Where parents persistently fail to comply with the directions given under the ESO, they may be guilty of an offence. Local authorities can prosecute in the Magistrates Court for persistent non-compliance with the Order and parents (upon conviction) will be liable to a fine of up to £1,000.

The lead officer should also raise persistent failure to comply with children's social care services and work together to investigate the circumstances of the pupil and decide whether it is appropriate for any further action to be taken (including statutory social care involvement) to secure their welfare.

### **Children of Non-Statutory School Age**

Children of non-statutory school age at Henley Green, need to attend regularly. Places at our Little Acorns 2 and 3 year old provision and Acorns Nursery provision, are government funded, therefore it is essential that once these places are taken up, children attend every session.

Children's attendance is monitored regularly and if it falls below 90% an attendance letter will be sent to parents and carers. If after two weeks, attendance has not improved, the place will be withdrawn and children will be taken off roll.

**First Day Calling and Safeguarding at Henley Green** Where no notification has been received by 9.30 am a text message/call will automatically be sent to the parents/carers to seek clarification as to why the child is absent from school. If no reply is received then a second text message/call will be made. If school remain concerned then a home visit may be carried out to check on the child.



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### **School Times of the Day at Henley Green**

The school day begins at 9.00am and ends at 3.15pm.

School gates open at **8.45 am** and close at 9.00am, therefore registers will close at **9.05am**. Children who are not in school by 9.00am time will need to register at the school office. Children are expected to arrive on time and attend all scheduled lessons and activities.

### **Coding of Attendance**

Attendance will be recorded using the DFE's statutory attendance codes.

### **Definitions**

In the context of school attendance and education in the UK, the terms "Persistent Absence," "Risk of Persistent Absence," and "Severe Absence" are used to describe different levels of irregular attendance by students. These terms are important for tracking and addressing attendance issues.

### **Persistent Absence (PA):**

**Definition:** Persistent Absence is a term used to describe a level of student absence from school that is considered to be a significant cause for concern.

**Threshold:** In England, a student is considered to be persistently absent when they have an attendance rate of 90% or below. This means they have missed 10% or more of their school sessions.



**Risk of Persistent Absence:**

**Definition:** The term "Risk of Persistent Absence" refers to a situation in which a student's attendance is at a level that suggests they are at risk of becoming persistently absent.

**Threshold:** While there is no specific threshold for "Risk of Persistent Absence," it is typically used to describe students whose attendance is consistently low and becoming a concern, as the school communicates to parents in days, we identify 10 days or more as Risk of PA and we will follow internal school procedures.

**Severe Absence (or Severe Persistent Absence):**

**Definition:** The term "Severe Absence" or "Severe Persistent Absence" is used to describe the most serious cases of non-attendance.

**Threshold:** Particular focus and support will be provided to pupils who are absent from school more than they are present (those missing 50% or more of school). These severely absent pupils may find it more difficult to be in school or face bigger barriers to their regular attendance and as such are likely to need more intensive support across a range of external agency partners.

**Absence Definitions**

- Arrival at school after the register has closed.
- Not attending school for any reason.

**Authorised Absence**

- An absence for sickness for which the school has granted leave.
- Medical or dental appointments which unavoidably fall during school time, for which the school has granted leave.
- Religious or cultural observances for which the school has granted leave
- An absence due to a family emergency

**Unauthorised Absence**

- Parents keeping children off school unnecessarily or without reason.
- Truancy before or during the school day.
- Absences which have never been properly explained..
- Arrival at school after the register has closed.
- Absence due to shopping, looking after other children or birthdays.
- Absence due to day trips and holidays in term-time which have not been agreed.
- Leaving school for no reason during the day.

**See Appendix below this policy for attendance coding.**

**Policies and Practice**



This attendance policy operates within the framework of statutory attendance regulations outlined in the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 and subsequent amendments. Henley Green adheres to the following key attendance acts in the UK:

*Education Act 1996:* The Education Act 1996 is the primary piece of legislation that sets out the legal framework for school attendance in England and Wales. It outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, and schools in ensuring regular school attendance. Sections 444-447 of the Act deal with offenses related to non-attendance and penalties for parents and carers.

*Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006:* These regulations specify the procedures for registering pupils and maintaining attendance records in schools in England. They also define the circumstances in which a pupil can be marked as absent or present.

*Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013:* These regulations amended the 2006 regulations and introduced stricter rules on authorizing term-time holidays. Under these regulations, headteachers are only allowed to grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances.

*School Attendance Code of Practice:* The School Attendance Code of Practice provides guidance to schools, local authorities, and parents on the law and procedures relating to school attendance and absence. It sets out the principles for promoting good attendance and dealing with poor attendance.

*Local Authority School Attendance Guidance:* Each local authority in the UK may provide its own guidance and policies on school attendance. Schools should be aware of and follow the specific guidance issued by their local authority.

*Department for Education (DFE) Guidance:* The DFE periodically issues guidance documents and updates related to school attendance. Schools should stay informed about the latest DFE guidance 2024 and follow any recommendations or requirements outlined in these documents.

*Child Employment Legislation:* Legislation such as the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and the Children (Performances) Regulations 1968 govern the employment and attendance of children involved in performances, modelling, and other activities outside of regular school hours.

*Children Missing Education (CME) Statutory Guidance:* This guidance outlines the responsibilities of local authorities in identifying and tracking children who may be missing education, including those who are not on a school roll or are not receiving suitable education.

*Section 19 of the Education Act 1996 (England and Wales)* outlines the duty of local authorities in ensuring that suitable education is provided for children of compulsory school age.

#### **Additional Policies aligned to the Attendance Policy at Henley Green**

- Behaviour Policy
- Safeguarding Policy



- SEND statement
- Pupil Premium Policy

### **Effective Interventions and Signposting**

- Showcase successful attendance improvement programmes implemented in your school.
- Provide signposting agencies for support outside of your internal school programmes. This can be added to the appendices or on your attendance website.

### **Roles and Responsibilities**

**Teachers:** In the United Kingdom, teachers play a vital role in monitoring and promoting school attendance. Ensuring regular and punctual attendance is essential for the academic success and well-being of children.

**Monitoring Attendance:** Teachers are responsible for monitoring the daily attendance of their children. They should maintain accurate attendance records, noting both present and absent students.

**Promoting Punctuality:** Teachers should encourage students to arrive at school on time each day. Punctuality is essential for a smooth start to the school day and minimises disruptions in the classroom.

**Taking Immediate Action:** When a child is absent without prior notification or a valid reason, teachers should take immediate action. This may involve contacting the school's attendance officer or designated staff member to report the absence.

**Early Intervention:** Teachers should identify initial patterns of poor attendance or lateness. This may include communicating with the student and their parents/carers.

**Maintaining Communication:** Teachers should maintain open lines of communication with parents or guardians regarding attendance. They should inform parents of any concerns about a child's attendance or punctuality.

**Providing Support:** Teachers can provide academic and emotional support to children who may be experiencing attendance challenges. Identifying the root causes and addressing them proactively can help improve attendance.



**Setting Expectations:** Teachers can set clear expectations for attendance and punctuality in their classrooms. This includes communicating the importance of regular attendance for learning and academic progress.

**Creating a Welcoming Classroom Environment:** Teachers should strive to create a positive and welcoming classroom environment where students feel motivated and engaged. A supportive atmosphere can encourage attendance.

**Identifying Barriers:** Teachers should be alert to potential barriers to attendance, such as bullying, health issues, or family problems. Identifying these barriers and reporting them to school staff can lead to effective interventions.

**Implementing School Policies:** Teachers should adhere to and implement the school's attendance policies and procedures.

**Attendance Records:** Accurate attendance records are crucial. Teachers should submit attendance data promptly to the school's administrative team. This information is used for reporting to local authorities and the Department for Education (DFE).

**Collaboration:** Collaborating with other school staff, such as attendance officers, counsellors, and administrators, is essential for addressing attendance concerns effectively. Teamwork ensures a coordinated approach to supporting students.

**Supporting Positive Behaviour:** Teachers can implement strategies to reinforce positive behaviour related to attendance, such as recognising attendance and punctuality.

**Safeguarding:** Teachers should be aware of safeguarding protocols and report any concerns related to a child's safety or well-being promptly to the appropriate school staff.

**Professional Development:** Continuous professional development will enhance teachers' skills in addressing attendance issues and implementing strategies to promote regular attendance.

**Role Modelling:** Teachers can serve as role models by demonstrating punctuality and a commitment to their own professional responsibilities.

**Teaching Assistant and Learning Mentors:** Teaching assistants (TAs) and Learning Mentors (LM) in schools also play important roles in supporting and promoting attendance. Their contributions can have a significant impact on attendance and overall well-being.

**Monitoring Attendance:** TAs/LMs often work closely with children and have a good understanding of individual attendance patterns. They should be vigilant in monitoring attendance and promptly report any concerns to teachers or school administrators.



**Positive Relationships:** TAs/LMs can build positive and trusting relationships with children. By creating a supportive and welcoming environment, they can encourage children to attend school regularly.

**Attendance Support:** TAs/LMs can provide individualised support to children who may be struggling with attendance. This support may include identifying barriers to attendance and working with children to address them.

**Reinforcing Expectations:** TAs/LMs can reinforce the importance of regular attendance and punctuality to children. They can remind children of the school's attendance policies and expectations.

**Communication:** TAs/LMs can maintain open lines of communication with children's parents or carers. They can inform parents of any attendance concerns and collaborate with them to find solutions.

**Attendance Interventions:** TAs/LMs can collaborate with teachers, counsellors, and school administrators to implement attendance interventions when needed. This may involve developing action plans for children with attendance issues.

**Supporting Students with Special Needs:** TAs/LMs often work with children with special educational needs. They should ensure that these children receive the necessary support to overcome attendance barriers and participate in school activities.

**Identifying Patterns:** TAs/LMs can help identify attendance patterns, such as recurring absences or lateness, and report them to the appropriate school staff. Identifying patterns early can lead to targeted interventions.

**Promoting Engagement:** TAs/LMs can engage children in meaningful learning activities and provide extra support when students are struggling academically. A positive classroom experience can motivate students to attend school regularly.

**Safeguarding:** TAs/LMs should be aware of safeguarding protocols and report any safeguarding concerns or signs of distress related to a child's attendance promptly to designated school staff.

**Role Modelling:** TAs/LMs can serve as positive role models by demonstrating punctuality, professionalism, and a commitment to their work.

**Professional Development:** Continuous professional development can enhance TAs/LMs skills in addressing attendance issues and supporting children effectively.

**Collaboration:** Collaborating with teachers and other school staff is essential. TAs/LMs can work together with the school's attendance officer, counsellors, and administrators to implement effective attendance strategies.



Recognition of Attendance: TAs/LMs can participate in recognising children's attendance.

**Henley Green Attendance Champion: Michelle Newton**

The role of an Attendance Champion in improving children's attendance in schools is critical in ensuring that students attend school regularly and achieve their educational potential. Attendance Champions have a multifaceted role that encompasses various responsibilities and strategies aimed at enhancing attendance rates.

**Developing and Implementing Attendance Policies:** Attendance Champions work closely with school leadership and staff to develop and implement effective attendance policies and procedures.

**Data Analysis:** Attendance Champions collect and analyse attendance data to identify trends and patterns. They use this information to pinpoint areas of concern, such as high levels of persistent absence, frequent lateness, or particular year groups or demographic groups with attendance challenges.

**Early Intervention:** Recognising that early intervention is crucial, Attendance Champions identify children at risk of poor attendance. They collaborate with teachers, parents, and support staff to address attendance issues as soon as they arise.

**Monitoring and Reporting:** Attendance Champions continuously monitor attendance records and report attendance data to school leadership, governing bodies, and local authorities as required. They ensure that accurate records are maintained.

**Staff Training:** Attendance Champions provide training to school staff on effective attendance monitoring, reporting, and intervention strategies. They ensure that all staff members understand their roles in promoting attendance.

**Legal Compliance:** Attendance Champions are knowledgeable about legal requirements related to attendance, including regulations governing authorised and unauthorised absences. They ensure the school complies with these regulations.

**Safeguarding:** Attendance Champions are vigilant for safeguarding concerns related to attendance. They recognise signs of neglect or abuse and report them to designated safeguarding officers or authorities as necessary.

**Continuous Improvement:** Attendance Champions regularly evaluate the effectiveness of attendance strategies and interventions. They adapt their approaches based on data and feedback to achieve sustained improvements in attendance rates.



Promoting a Positive School Culture: Attendance Champions contribute to creating a school culture where attendance is valued, and students feel motivated and supported to attend regularly.

**Governors/Trustees:**

School governors or trustees play a crucial role in supporting children's attendance in schools in the UK. Their responsibilities encompass strategic oversight, policy development, and ensuring that the school meets its statutory obligations regarding attendance.

**Policy Development:** Governors/trustees collaborate with school leadership to develop and review attendance policies. These policies should align with statutory requirements and provide clear guidance on attendance monitoring, reporting, and interventions.

**Statutory Compliance:** Governors/trustees ensure that the school complies with all relevant statutory requirements related to attendance. They are responsible for monitoring the school's adherence to attendance regulations.

**Strategic Oversight:** Governors/trustees take a strategic approach to attendance. They consider attendance as a key performance indicator and monitor trends and patterns in attendance data.

**Monitoring Attendance Data:** Governors/trustees review attendance data regularly to identify trends and areas of concern. They may request reports on attendance rates, persistent absence, and unauthorised absences.

**Accountability:** Governors/trustees hold school leadership accountable for attendance outcomes. They may question school leaders about their strategies for improving attendance and the effectiveness of interventions.

**Policy Implementation:** Governors/trustees ensure that attendance policies are effectively implemented throughout the school. They may inquire about the practical application of attendance policies and procedures.

**Setting Targets:** Governors/trustees collaborate with school leaders to set attendance targets and goals. They help establish benchmarks for improving attendance rates.

**Reviewing Interventions:** Governors/trustees assess the effectiveness of attendance interventions and strategies. They may request reports on the impact of interventions and whether they have led to improved attendance.

**Parental Engagement:** Governors/trustees support efforts to engage parents and guardians in promoting attendance. They may encourage the school to develop strategies for involving parents in attendance improvement initiatives.



**Training and Development:** Governors/trustees ensure that school staff, including teachers and support staff, receive training and development related to effective attendance monitoring and intervention strategies.

**Safeguarding:** Governors/trustees are vigilant for safeguarding concerns related to attendance. They work closely with the designated safeguarding lead to address any safeguarding issues that arise.

**Challenge and Support:** While supporting school leadership in attendance improvement efforts, governors/trustees also challenge when necessary. They ask probing questions and seek assurances that the school is taking appropriate action to address attendance issues.

**Continuous Improvement:** Governors/trustees regularly evaluate the school's approach to attendance and seek ways to continuously improve attendance outcomes.

### **Senior Staff**

Senior staff in UK schools play a critical role in supporting attendance for children. They provide leadership, set the tone for the school's attendance culture, and oversee the implementation of policies and strategies to promote regular attendance.

**Leadership:** Senior staff, including the headteacher/principal and deputy headteacher/vice principal, lead by example. They emphasise the importance of regular attendance and set high expectations for all staff and students.

**Policy Development:** Senior staff are responsible for developing, reviewing, and implementing attendance policies in line with statutory requirements. They ensure that policies are clear, effective, and communicated to all stakeholders.

**Monitoring and Reporting:** They monitor attendance data regularly, analysing trends and patterns. Senior staff use this data to identify students at risk of poor attendance and to measure the impact of attendance improvement strategies.

**Setting Expectations:** Senior staff establish clear expectations for staff regarding attendance monitoring, recording, and intervention. They ensure that staff understand their roles in promoting regular attendance.

**Professional Development:** They provide training and professional development opportunities for staff, including teachers, teaching assistants, and support staff, to enhance their knowledge and skills in attendance-related matters.

**Early Intervention:** Senior staff support early intervention efforts by identifying children with attendance issues and working with staff to implement targeted interventions. They ensure that appropriate support is provided to address attendance barriers.



**Parental Engagement:** They promote parental engagement in attendance improvement initiatives. Senior staff encourage open communication with parents and guardians and may organise meetings or workshops to involve parents in addressing attendance challenges.

**Data Analysis:** Senior staff use attendance data to inform decision-making. They set attendance targets and benchmarks for improvement and regularly review progress toward these goals.

**Supporting Vulnerable Students:** They are attentive to the needs of vulnerable students, including those with medical conditions, special educational needs, or safeguarding concerns. Senior staff ensure that these students receive appropriate support to attend school regularly.

**Recognising Attendance:** They may implement incentives and recognition programmes to recognise children and reinforcing a positive attendance culture.

**Enforcing Policies:** Senior staff enforce attendance policies consistently and fairly, addressing unauthorised absences promptly. They communicate the consequences of poor attendance to students and parents.

**Safeguarding:** Senior staff are alert to safeguarding concerns related to attendance. They collaborate with designated safeguarding leads to address any child protection issues arising from attendance concerns.

**Continuous Improvement:** They continuously assess the effectiveness of attendance strategies and interventions, adjusting as needed to achieve sustained improvements.

**Promoting a Positive Culture:** Senior staff actively promote a positive school culture where regular attendance is recognised, and children feel motivated to attend school regularly.

### **Parents**

Parents play a crucial role in supporting attendance in schools in the UK. Their involvement and commitment to their child's education can have a significant impact on attendance rates.

**Establish a Routine:** Parents should establish a daily routine that includes regular school attendance. Consistency in waking up, getting ready for school, and arriving on time helps children develop good attendance habits.

**Communicate with the School:** Establish open lines of communication with the school. Inform the school promptly if your child is going to be absent due to illness or other reasons. This helps the school keep accurate attendance records.

**Ensure a Healthy Lifestyle:** Promote good health practices, including proper nutrition, regular exercise, and adequate sleep. A healthy child is less likely to miss school due to illness.



**Positive Attitude Towards Education:** Encourage a positive attitude towards education. Discuss the value of school and the opportunities it provides for the child's future.

**Set Expectations:** Clearly communicate your expectations about attendance to your child. Emphasize the importance of attending school regularly and on time.

**Attend Parents Evenings:** Participate in parent-teacher conferences and meetings. These provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and address any attendance or academic concerns.

**Monitor Progress:** Keep track of your child's progress and attendance. Be aware of any sudden changes in attendance patterns that may signal underlying issues.

**Address Bullying or Safety Concerns:** If your child is experiencing bullying or safety concerns at school, take the issue seriously. Communicate with the school to ensure a safe and supportive environment.

**Promote a Love for Learning:** Encourage curiosity and a love for learning. Explore educational activities and resources outside of school to spark your child's interest in different subjects.

**Lead by Example:** Demonstrate the importance of commitment and responsibility by being punctual and dependable in your own daily activities.

**Stay Informed:** Stay informed about school policies and attendance guidelines. Understand the consequences of excessive absenteeism.

**Seek Support if Needed:** If your child is facing challenges that affect attendance, such as health issues or academic struggles, seek support from the school, healthcare professionals, or relevant agencies.

**Encourage Peer Relationships:** Encourage your child to form positive relationships with peers. Friendships can make school a more enjoyable and supportive environment.

**Celebrate Achievements:** Celebrate your child's achievements and milestones at school. Recognize their efforts and successes to boost their self-esteem and motivation.

**Collaborate with the School:** Work collaboratively with the school to address any attendance issues. Explore support services or interventions if necessary.

**Children:**

Children also play a significant role in attending school regularly and ensuring their educational success.



**Commitment to Learning:** Children should recognise the value of education and commit to attending school regularly. They can understand that attending school is essential for gaining knowledge, skills, and opportunities for the future.

**Punctuality:** Children should strive to arrive at school on time each day. Being punctual helps them settle into the daily routine and ensures they do not miss important instructions or activities.

**Positive Attitude:** Maintaining a positive attitude towards school and learning can make attending school a more enjoyable experience. Children should be open to new experiences and willing to engage in classroom activities.

**Responsibility:** Children can take responsibility for their own education by completing homework and assignments on time. They should also ensure they have the necessary materials and supplies for school.

**Communication:** If a child is unable to attend school due to illness or other reasons, they should communicate this to their parents or guardians, who can then inform the school. Encouraging open communication helps keep attendance records accurate.

**Peer Relationships:** Building positive relationships with peers can make school a more welcoming place. Children should be friendly, respectful, and inclusive in their interactions with classmates.

**Participation:** Actively participating in classroom activities, discussions, and group projects can enhance a child's learning experience and motivation to attend school.

**Safety Awareness:** Children should follow safety guidelines and rules at school to ensure their well-being. They should report any safety concerns to teachers or school staff.

**Respect for Teachers and Staff:** Respecting teachers and school staff fosters a positive school environment. Children should follow instructions, be courteous, and seek help or clarification when needed.

**Problem-Solving:** Encourage children to develop problem-solving skills to address any challenges they may encounter at school. This includes seeking help with academic difficulties or addressing issues with classmates.

**Goal Setting:** Children can set academic and personal goals for themselves. Having goals can provide motivation and a sense of purpose for attending school regularly.

**Healthy Lifestyle:** Maintaining a healthy lifestyle through proper nutrition, regular exercise, and adequate sleep contributes to overall well-being and can reduce the risk of illness-related absences.



Attendance Awareness: Children can develop awareness of the importance of attendance and its impact on their education. They should aim to achieve good attendance records and strive for excellent attendance.

Ownership of Learning: Encourage children to take ownership of their learning by asking questions, seeking clarification when needed, and demonstrating curiosity about various subjects.

Seeking Support: If a child is facing challenges that affect attendance, such as bullying or academic difficulties, they should seek support from teachers, school counsellors, or trusted adults.

### **Safeguarding Children and Attendance at Henley Green**

The school has a duty to safeguard the welfare of all students. Any concerns about a child's attendance will be investigated promptly to ensure their well-being.

Unexplained or extended absences will trigger safeguarding procedures, including home visits and communication with relevant agencies.

We follow *Keeping Children Safe In Education* guidance to ensure safe practices.

### **Review**

This Attendance Policy will be reviewed annually by the school's governing body to ensure its effectiveness and compliance with statutory requirements. Any amendments will be communicated to staff, parents, and carers as necessary.

<b>Review Programme</b>	<b>Annually</b>
<b>Ratified by Governors</b>	<b>September 2025</b>
<b>Signed – Chair of Governors:</b>	<b>Chris Lockwood</b>
<b>Signed – Head Teacher</b>	<b>Rebecca Bond</b>



Appendix 1: Coding Attendance in line with DFE guidance 2024:

**Code \ (Present at the school):**

- Pupils must be present during registration to be counted.
- If a pupil leaves after registration, they are still counted as attending for statistical purposes.

**Code L (Late arrival before the register is closed):**

- The pupil arrives after the register starts but before it closes.
- Schools should discourage late arrival and set a consistent time limit for open registration, not exceeding 30 minutes.
- If a pupil arrives late after the register closes, mark them as absent using code U or another appropriate absence code.

**Code K (Attending education provision arranged by the local authority):**

- Pupil attends educational provision arranged by the local authority, not by the school.
- Examples include attending courses at college or receiving home tutoring.
- Schools must record the nature of the provision and ensure notification of absences.

**Code V (Attending an educational visit or trip):**

- Pupil attends a school-arranged educational visit or trip supervised by school staff.
- Must take place during the recorded session.
- If pupil doesn't attend, record absence using relevant absence code.

**Code P (Participating in a sporting activity):**

- Pupil attends an approved educational sporting activity.
- Criteria for recording attendance include approval by the school, educational nature of the activity, and appropriate supervision.
- Schools must ensure safeguarding measures and record absences with relevant codes.

**Code W (Attending work experience):**

- Pupil attends work experience as part of their education arranged by the local authority or school.
- Criteria for recording attendance are similar to other approved educational activities.
- Schools must ensure safeguarding measures and record absences with relevant codes.

**Code B (Attending any other approved educational activity):**

- Pupil attends an approved educational activity other than sports or work experience.
- Criteria for recording attendance are similar to other approved educational activities.
- Schools must record the nature of the activity and ensure safeguarding measures.

**Code D (Dual registered at another school):**

- Used when a pupil is registered at more than one school, indicating absence with leave to attend the other school.
- Main examples include attendance at a pupil referral unit, hospital school, or special school temporarily.



- Schools must promptly follow up on unexpected or unexplained absences to avoid double counting.

**Code C1 (Leave of absence for regulated performance or employment abroad):**

- Schools grant leave for pupils to participate in regulated performances or employment abroad under specific circumstances.
- Criteria for granting leave include licenses issued by local authorities or exemptions.
- Schools must record the absence using this code and consider its impact on the pupil's education.

**Code M (Leave of absence for medical or dental appointment):**

- Schools encourage appointments outside of school hours; otherwise, prior agreement is necessary.
- Leave of absence is granted under specific conditions, including exceptional circumstances.
- Absences for medical or dental appointments are recorded using this code.

**Code J (Leave of absence for interview for employment or admission):**

- Schools can grant leave for pupils to attend interviews for employment or admission to another educational institution.
- Applications for leave must be made in advance, and leave is granted based on specific criteria.
- The interview must occur during the recorded session, and the absence is classified as authorized.

**Code S (Leave of absence for studying for a public examination):**

- Schools can grant leave for pupils to study for public examinations under specific conditions, agreed in advance with parents.
- Study leave should be granted sparingly, and provisions must be made for pupils who choose to continue attending school for revision.
- Absences for studying for public examinations are recorded using this code.

**Code X (Non-compulsory school age pupil not required to attend school):**

- Schools can grant leave for non-compulsory school-age pupils to attend school part-time under certain circumstances.
- Absences for non-compulsory school-age pupils are recorded using this code, with exceptions noted.
- For pupils subject to a part-time timetable, this code should not be used, and appropriate absence codes should be applied.

**Code C2 (Leave of absence for compulsory school age pupil subject to part-time timetable):**

- Schools can grant leave for compulsory school-age pupils to temporarily reduce their timetable to part-time in exceptional circumstances, agreed upon with parents.
- Absences for pupils with part-time timetables are recorded using this code, ensuring agreement between the school and parents.

**Code C (Leave of absence for exceptional circumstances):**

- Schools may grant leave of absence at their discretion, but only for exceptional circumstances.



- Each application is assessed individually, considering specific facts and circumstances.
- Absences for exceptional circumstances are recorded using this code, ensuring compliance with regulations and discretion exercised by the school.

**Pregnant pupils:**

- Maternity leave for pregnant pupils is treated similarly to other leave of absence for exceptional circumstances.
- Schools should act reasonably and grant an appropriate period of leave considering individual circumstances, at their discretion.

**Code T (Parent traveling for occupational purposes):**

- Used when a pupil's parent(s) is traveling for trade or business, and the pupil is traveling with them.
- Schools should only request proof of occupational travel when genuine doubt exists about the reason for absence.
- Pupils should ideally attend schools where their parents are traveling, being dual registered at both their main school and the one they're temporarily attending.
- Classified as authorized absence for statistical purposes.

**Code R (Religious observance):**

- Used when a pupil is absent on a day exclusively set apart for religious observance by their religious body.
- Schools may seek guidance from the parent's religious body to ascertain such days.
- Strategies such as setting term dates around religious observance days are encouraged.
- Classified as authorized absence for statistical purposes.

**Code I (Illness - not medical or dental appointment):**

- Indicates a pupil's inability to attend school due to illness, both physical and mental health related.
- Schools should not routinely request medical evidence but may do so when necessary.
- Classified as authorized absence for statistical purposes.

**Code E (Suspended or permanently excluded and no alternative provision made):**

- Used when a pupil is suspended or permanently excluded, and no alternative provision has been arranged.
- Alternative provision should be arranged within six consecutive school days of suspension or permanent exclusion.
- Classified as authorized absence for statistical purposes.

**Code Q (Unable to attend school because of a lack of access arrangements):**

- Indicates a pupil's inability to attend school due to a failure by the local authority to provide access arrangements.
- Classified as not a possible attendance for statistical purposes.

**Code Y1 (Unable to attend due to transport normally provided not being available):**

- Used when a pupil can't attend because the school is beyond walking distance and the usual transport provided by the school or local authority is unavailable.



- Walking distances for different age groups are specified.
- Classified as not a possible attendance for statistical purposes.

**Code Y2 (Unable to attend due to widespread disruption to travel):**

- Indicates a pupil's inability to attend school due to widespread travel disruptions caused by emergencies at the local, national, or international level.
- Classified as not a possible attendance for statistical purposes.

**Code Y3 (Unable to attend due to part of the school premises being closed):**

- Used when part of the school premises is unusable, and the pupil cannot practically be accommodated in the remaining usable parts.
- Classified as not a possible attendance for statistical purposes.

**Code Y4 (Unable to attend due to the whole school site being unexpectedly closed):**

- Applied when the entire school site is unexpectedly closed, such as due to adverse weather.
- Attendance registers are not taken, and pupils are marked with this code to signify the closure.
- Not applicable for planned closures like weekends or holidays.
- Classified as not a possible attendance for statistical purposes.

**Code Y5 (Unable to attend as pupil is in criminal justice detention):**

- Used when a pupil is unable to attend due to being in police detention, remanded, or serving a sentence of detention.
- Communication with the Youth Offending Team is encouraged to support educational needs during detention.
- Classified as not a possible attendance for statistical purposes.

**Code Y6 (Unable to attend in accordance with public health guidance or law):**

- Applied when a pupil's travel or attendance at school would violate public health guidance or legislation related to disease transmission.
- Classified as not a possible attendance for statistical purposes.

**Code Y7 (Unable to attend because of any other unavoidable cause):**

- Used for an unavoidable cause preventing a pupil from attending school, not covered by other specific codes.
- The nature of the unavoidable cause must be recorded.
- Classified as not a possible attendance for statistical purposes.

**Code G (Holiday not granted by the school):**

- Used when a pupil is absent for a holiday that the school did not approve in advance.
- Schools cannot retrospectively grant leave of absence, and absence for holidays without prior approval is considered unauthorized.
- Classified as unauthorized absence for statistical purposes.

**Code N (Reason for absence not yet established):**

- Employed when the reason for a pupil's absence has not been determined before the register closes.
- Schools must make efforts to ascertain the reason for absence promptly.



- If the reason cannot be established within five school days, the absence must be amended to Code O.
- Classified as unauthorized absence for statistical purposes.

**Code O (Absent in other or unknown circumstances):**

- Used when no reason for absence is established, or the school is not satisfied with the reason given, which doesn't align with authorized codes.
- Classified as unauthorized absence for statistical purposes.

**Code U (Arrived in school after registration closed):**

- Applied when a pupil arrives late after the register has closed but before the end of the session.
- Schools should discourage late arrival and set a specific time limit for registering attendance.
- Late arrival beyond the specified time results in the pupil being marked as absent.
- Classified as unauthorized absence for statistical purposes.

**Administrative Code Z (Prospective pupil not on admission register):**

- Utilized to set up registers in advance for prospective pupils who have not yet officially joined the school.
- Aims to streamline administrative processes.