

St Michael & St John's RCP

Following the example of Jesus, together we learn, love and respect one another to be the best we can be.

Children Missing in Education Policy

Introduction:

All children, regardless of their circumstances, are entitled to a full time education which is suitable to their age, ability, aptitude and any special educational needs they may have. Children missing education (CME) are at significant risk of underachieving, being victims of abuse, and becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training) later on in life.

Parent responsibilities:

As a parent you have a duty to ensure that your child of compulsory school age is receiving efficient full-time education. You may elect to educate your child at home and may withdraw them from school at any time to do so, unless they are subject to a School Attendance Order. Where you notify the school in writing of your intention to home educate, we must delete the child from the admission register and then inform the local authority.

Children with special educational needs statements (EHC) can be home educated. Where the statement sets out special educational provision that the child should receive at home, the local authority is under a duty to arrange that provision. Where the statement names a school as the place where the child should receive his or her education but the parent chooses to home educate their child, the local authority must assure itself that the provision being made by the parent is suitable to the child's special educational needs. In such case the local authority must review the statement annually.

Schools' duties:

St Michael & St John's RC Primary monitors pupils' attendance through our daily registers. As a school we will inform the local authority of the details of pupils who are regularly absent from school or have missed 10 school days or more without permission.

We will also notify the authority if a pupil is to be deleted from the admission register in certain circumstances. See The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 for procedures.

Pupils who remain on our roll, who are not necessarily missing education, but have poor attendance, will be monitored closely. It is also important that pupils' irregular attendance is referred to the authority and therefore St Michael & St John's will adhere to these guidelines.

Schools also have safeguarding duties under section 175 of the Education Act 2002 in respect of their pupils, and as part of this we will investigate any unexplained absences.

St Michael & St John's will also arrange full-time education for excluded pupils from the sixth school day of a fixed period exclusion. This information can be found in the school attendance and exclusions policy.

Signature of Chair of Governors:

Date:

Signature of Head teacher:

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