



Blackmoor Park Infant School

Attendance Talk

Nov 2023

Our vision

"We aim to support our educational settings to enable every child and young person to be safe, develop, learn and achieve"

COLLABORATIVE
WITH PURPOSE
KNOWLEDGE
INTEGRITY

Introductions

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Education Welfare Service

Why is attendance at Key Stage 1 so important?



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- Building blocks for future learning
 - Establishing good routines in terms of attending regularly and punctually
 - Making firm friendships
 - Building trust and how to engage with adults outside of the family
 - Building resilience and learning early life skills

BUILDING RESILIENCE

- As with adults, children who are unwell will normally feel worse on waking, late evening or overnight
- It is important to give them time to wake up and adjust before making a decision on whether they need to stay off school.
- For the majority of children with minor ailments, once they have arrived at school and are engaging in school activities, they will start to feel better and build resilience.
- Friendship issues are a normal part of school life and something children need to experience and learn how to negotiate.
- Obviously if issues become severe, then please make school aware so this can be resolved at the earliest opportunity.
- A child who is regularly absent from school, may not build this resilience and therefore, expect to stay off whenever a problem arises.


THE IMPORTANCE OF ARRIVING ON TIME

- Establishing good routines around attendance and punctuality will not only mean children are prepared and ready to learn, but will make the morning routine at home a lot more easier.
- The time before school can be a way to settle a child by playing with friends which can then regulate them for the day.
- Being late into class can cause the child to feel self conscious/ embarrassed and also confused as they may have missed the vital introduction to the lesson.
- Being regularly late can lead to them falling behind with work/ being unsure of what to do which can then present as anxiety and a reluctance to come to school
- Persistent lateness at school, particularly after the registers have closed will need to be addressed by either school or Education Welfare Service.



Why are school contacting me?

There is a requirement for schools to contact parents where:

- A pattern of absence is emerging
 - Lack of contact to explain absence as per school policy
 - Regular absence that is not supported by appropriate evidence (e.g. medical/illness)
 - School have identified that support may be needed
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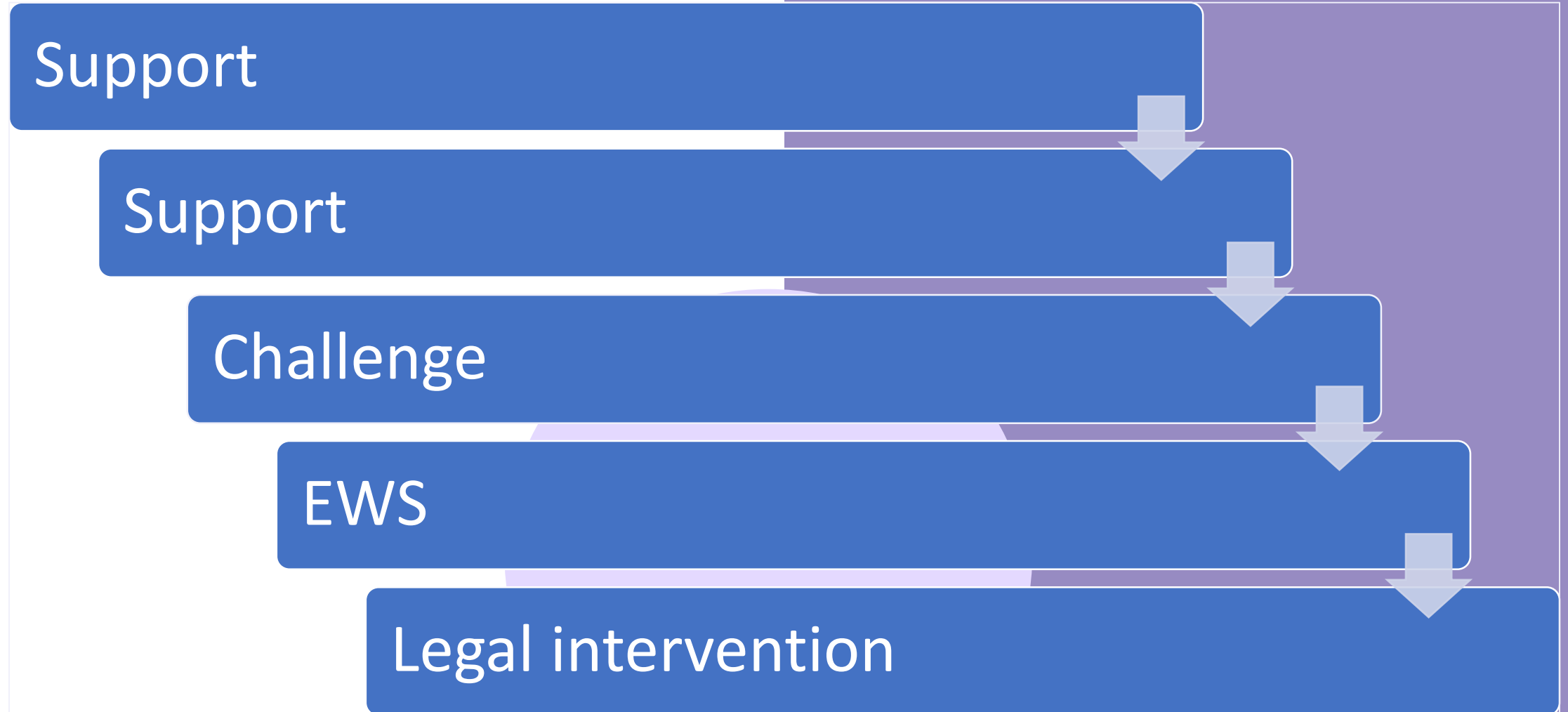


MULTI AGENCY WORKING TOGETHER

Education Welfare is the main service outside of school to deal with issues impacting on attendance.

The Department of Education has issued revised guidance (*Working Together to Improve School Attendance*) to all local authorities and schools. The intention is the guidance will become statutory in the near future. There is an expectation for parents/carers; schools and relevant agencies to work together to support children in overcoming any barriers to accessing education.

Process- does it reflect DFE guidance?



Key Messages To Take Away



Attendance at school is not just about learning but building social skills and resilience
Regular attendance at school is crucial if your child is to thrive

Strong communication between home and school is essential

The earlier school know about any issues, the quicker these can be addressed





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Attendance is everybody's
responsibility



Thank You

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