**Attendance Report for Governors Standards and Performance May 2018**

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| **Report to Governors** | **DATE** | **DATE** |
|  | **Sept - 29th March 2018** | **Sept - 31 March 2017** |
| **Overall Attendance Yrs7-11** | 94.9% | 95.1% |
| **Overall PA (under 90%)** | 12.5% | 11.3% |
| **Overall PA (under 85%)** | 5.4% | 5.0% |
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| **Overall Attendance by Year Group** |  |  |
| **Yr7** | 96.8% | 95.1% |
| **Yr8** | 94.8% | 11.3% |
| **Yr9** | 94.1% | 5.0% |
| **Yr10** | 93.1% | 95.0% |
| **Yr11** | 94.4% | 95.5% |
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| **MECES open cases** | 6 | 5 |
| **Attendance of MECES open cases** | 79.2% | 62.5% |
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| **Monthly Attendance Yrs 7-11** |  |  |
| **FEB** | 93.3% | 94.5% |
| **MARCH** | 94.1% | 94.5% |
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| **Attendance by category** |  |  |
| **BOYS** | 94.8% | 95.1% |
| **GIRLS** | 94.6% | 95.2% |
| **LAC** | 92.5% | 100.0% |
| **PP** | 91.0% | 92.9% |
| **SEND** | 93.0% | 93.7% |
| **EAL** | 94.7% | 95.4% |
| **OASIS** | 85.3% | 91.6% |

**Case studies to reflect persistent absentee issues with attendance by category:**

* Yes – means known safeguarding concerns about the child.
* No – means no known safeguarding concerns about the child.

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| **Student** | **Year group** | **% attendance as at March 31st 2018** | **Reason for PA** | **School Action** | **Family issues/known disadvantage/known CP issues.\*** |
| ST | 7 | 71.9 | School Refuser | Home visits  Attendance Panel  PN applied for. | Yes  PP |
| CM | 7 | 73.39 | Medical - PNI | Liaison with family and medical professionals. | EHC Plan  PP |
| HB | 8 | 60.66 | Medical – was in hospital | School based meeting | No |
| HS | 8 | 72.13 | Irregular attendance | PN issued.  Open to MECES | Yes  PP |
| LF | 8 | 75.4 | Irregular attendance | School based meeting  Warning letter | Yes  PP |
| RM | 8 | 79.1 | Irregular attendance | School based meeting  Warning letter | Yes  PP |
| HT | 9 | 65.5 | Irregular attendance  Illness | school based meeting | Yes  PP |
| MD | 9 | 68.4 | Medical – PNI student | Family and Medical professional liaison | Yes  EHC Plan  PP |
| JG | 9 | 69.3 | School refuser | Home visits | No  EHC Plan  PP |
| CE | 9 | 70.9 | Medical | Family and Medical professional liaison.  Oasis support | No |
| GC | 9 | 79.5 | Family circumstances – temporarily moved out of area. | Social care involved.  Adult mentor support. | Yes  Mid-term entrant.  Was Child in Need.  Now closed.  PP |
| GC | 9 | 79.9 | Mental health issues | Outside medical professional supporting mental health issues.  Temporary Part time T/T to re-engage with school.  Oasis Support | Yes  Mid-term entrant  PP |
| SS | 9 | 79.9 | Medical | Family and Medical professional liaison. | No |
| VM | 10 | 38.5 | Medical  And mental health issues. | Family and Medical professional liaison.  Temporary Part time T/T to re-engage with school.  Oasis Support  EWMHs  CSS health referral | Yes |
| TM | 10 | 46.3 | School Refuser | Home visits  CSS Behaviour Level 1 referral. | Deteriorating behaviour – aggressive and violent towards students and staff on more than one occasion.  Refused Managed Move. |
| TC | 10 | 48.7 | School Refuser  Mental health issues | Home visits  School based meetings  Oasis support  Temporary Part time T/T to re-engage with school | Mid-term entrant |
| JB | 10 | 62.90 | School Refuser  Medical issues | School based meetings  Oasis support  Temporary Part time T/T to re-engage with school | Mid-term entrant |
| RG | 10 | 68.4 | School Refuser | School based meetings  Temporary Part time T/T to re-engage with school | Yes  PP |
| LA | 10 | 73.7 | Young carer | Attendance discussed in all meetings with parent and outside agencies.  Adult mentors and safe places to go in school.  In school counselling | Social Care was involved.  Was Open Child protection, then Child in need, now closed.  Long term CP issues.  PP |
| SS | 10 | 79.5 | Young Carer | Supported by BCW.  Taxied to and from school when cannot get here.  Adult mentor. | Parent very ill and family facing eviction; lives out of area.  PP |
| DJ | 10 | 79.9 | Mental health issues.  Young Carer. | Attendance discussed in all meetings with parent and outside agencies.  Oasis support.  EWMHs | Open Child Protection Plan  PP |
| JS | 11 | 25.4 | Long term school refuser with mental health issues. | Many home visits and school based meetings.  Oasis support  Family solutions  EWMHs  MECES.  CSS Health | Yes |
| FF | 11 | 45.1 | Medical – long term hospitalisation. | Oasis Support | Yes  PP |
| IH | 11 | 70.5 | Victim of serious crime – court preparation and appearances. | Adult mentoring  Oasis Support | Yes |
| CK | 11 | 78.9 | Mental health issues | Oasis Support | No |
| AC | 11 | 79.1 | 3 week block illness – flu. | Medical evidence supplied. | No  PP |

**Glossary:**

**MECES:** Missing Education and Child Employment Services: outside agency that used to be known as the Educational Welfare Service – determines prosecution for school absences.

**PA**: Persistent Absenteeism – defined as missing 10% or more of all school sessions – where a session is defined as one registration i.e. a morning or an afternoon.

**LAC** – a child that is Looked After by the local authority; i.e. is in foster care.

**PP** – a student who comes from a low income family that is either low income now or has been in the past 6 years and the parents has claimed free school meals for the child.

**SEND** – a child who has designated special educational needs. All the children in the case studies designated as SEND have EHC plans – Educational Health Care plans (which used to be known as statements).

**PNI** – a student with physical and neurological special needs such a child with cerebral palsy or a child in a wheelchair due to an illness. A child designated PNI always has an EHC plan and nearly always is designated as a Child in Need (medical).

**Child in Need** – where there is social care involvement – mainly as a supportive measure to the family, where the children are thought to be or have been at risk of significant harm..

**Open Child Protection Plan** – where professionals are working with a family whose children are deemed at risk of or suffering from significant harm.

**EAL** – children for whom English is a second language.

**OASIS**: our support unit, which is aimed at keeping children with mental health issues in school as far as possible.

**PN:** penalty notice, which is a fine given to parents who do not send their children to school – usually aimed at parents whose children have irregular attendance or who take their children on holiday during term time. This is dealt with by the local authority.

**Attendance Panel**: one of our strategies to tackle attendance – attended by a member of SLT and/or a governor designed to take away barriers to attendance and to reinforce the school expectation of attendance.

**Home visits** – where the parent is difficult to engage and the pastoral staff and /or the Attendance officer visits the home to try and re-engage the parent (and in some cases actually bring the child to school).

**School Based Meetings**: where the parent comes into school to meet with the attendance officer and pastoral staff to discuss the barriers to a child’s attendance. If the child is open to MECES, a welfare officer from the Local Authority will also attend.

**Warning letter**: part of our attendance strategy and following stature guidelines where a parent is informed in writing about our concerns regards attendance and our intent to escalate action.

**CSS health** – Children Support Services in Essex, who have a statutory duty to support children with proven long term health problems. Provided free to the school.

**CSS behaviour** – a unit designed to educate children who cannot meet the expectations of behaviour at their school – a level 1 referral (which means that the child will not continue their education with us) costs about £1800 per term for the school.

**Medical evidence** – actual letter from medical professional stating that the child is unfit to attend school.

**Part time timetable** – where it is agreed that that the child can have a different starting and finishing time. Time restricted and reviewed, all PT timetables are referred to the local authority for monitoring.

**BCW**: Brentwood Christian Workers – provide free and comprehensive support to families in Brentwood.

**Family Solutions:** outside agency support – one step below social services designed to help families in deep-seated or long term crisis.

**EWMHS**: Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health’s support: high level entry requirements – provides therapy for children with mental health issues.