

Safeguarding Information Children Missing Education

In England all children, regardless of their circumstances, are entitled to an efficient, full time education that is suitable for their age, ability, aptitude and any special educational needs they have. Research shows that children who are missing education are at greater risk of underachieving, becoming victims of abuse or neglect and becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training) in later life.

Local Authorities have a statutory duty to identify all children of compulsory school age who are not attending state or private education establishments, so not on a school roll.

If children are home educated they should have a named link person for the local authority area in which the child lives to support the child and their family. The local authority expects the NHS to notify them about any children attending the hospital who are not on a school roll.

It is critical that information is shared effectively between families, schools, agencies and organisations and local authorities to ensure that all children of compulsory school age are safe and receiving a suitable education.

QVH will ask you about your child's education. If they are:

- Not on a school roll
- Not attending school regularly
- In receipt of an education other than at school

QVH safeguarding team will contact local authorities routinely to let them know about your child. You can also contact your local authority yourself.

West Sussex Pupil Entitlement Team Advice Line on 0333 222 82000

East Sussex children.missingeducation@eastsussex.gov.uk 01273 481967

Kent educationathome@kent.gov.uk

Surrey (details to follow)

If you wish to talk to a member of the QVH safeguarding team please call **01342 414146**

