

# Safeguarding CHILDREN MISSING FROM EDUCATION

All staff are aware that children going missing, particularly repeatedly, can act as a vital warning sign of a range of safeguarding possibilities. This may include abuse and neglect, which may include sexual abuse or exploitation and child criminal exploitation. It may indicate mental health problems, risk of substance abuse, risk of travelling to conflict zones, risk of female genital mutilation or risk of forced marriage. Early intervention is necessary to identify the existence of any underlying safeguarding risk and to help prevent the risks of a child going missing in future.

## **What to do if you have a concern about a child missing from education? CME**

If you hear of or know of a pupil who plans to leave the school alert the school office at the earliest time. There is key information the school must collect to safeguard the child.

***If a pupil disappears from the school and there is no preceding notice from the parent - we will refer the child to the Local Authority and the correct advice and procedures will be followed.***

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS ABOUT A CHILD,  
DO NOT DELAY, TELL SOMEONE TODAY!**



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