
To: Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2)

Date: 27 November 2025

Subject: Children Absent from Education

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To provide the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2) with an overview of the statutory requirements and approach taken in Coventry to children who are absent from education.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board (2) is recommended to:
- 1) Consider the slides attached at Appendix 1
 - 2) Identify and agree any recommendations for the relevant Cabinet Member

3 Background and Information

- 3.1 A comprehensive slide deck at Appendix 1, highlights the following:
- Statutory Guidance
 - Education Partnership Priorities 2025/26
 - Definition of children absent from education
 - Responsibilities and staffing
 - Strategic Approach
 - Attendance
 - Children Missing Education (CME)
 - Permanent Exclusions (PEX) and Suspensions
 - Behaviour Pathway
 - Education other than at school (EOTAS)
 - Elective Home Education (EHE)
- 3.2 Members are requested to consider the information provided, make comments and ask questions of officers and the Cabinet Member, as well as identify any further recommendations or actions.

Appendix 1: Children Absent from Education slides

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