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# Attendance Policy & Procedure

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## **1 Aims**

- 1.1 This is the attendance policy of Manchester Muslim Preparatory School (MMPS)-**the School**.
- 1.2 The School aspires to high levels of attendance from all pupils. Good attendance is essential for all pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances.
- 1.3 The aims of this policy are as follows:
  - 1.3.1 to develop and maintain a whole school culture that promotes the benefits of good attendance;
  - 1.3.2 to ensure, so far as possible, that every pupil in the School is able to benefit from and make their full contribution to the life of the School;
  - 1.3.3 to prioritise and where possible improve attendance and punctuality across the School, reduce absence and set out the School's approach to the management of absence / non-attendance;
  - 1.3.4 to recognise the linkages between attendance / absence and pupil wellbeing, specifically ensuring a consistent whole school approach to safeguarding; and
  - 1.3.5 to help to promote a whole school culture of safety, equality and protection.

## **2 Scope and application**

- 2.1 This policy applies to the whole School including the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).
- 2.2 This policy is designed to address the specific statutory obligations on the School to record attendance and absence.

## **3 Regulatory framework**

- 3.1 This policy has been prepared to meet the School's responsibilities under:
  - 3.1.1 Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014;
  - 3.1.2 EYFS statutory framework for group and school-based providers (DfE, September 2025);
  - 3.1.3 Education and Skills Act 2008;
  - 3.1.4 Children Act 1989;
  - 3.1.5 Childcare Act 2006;
  - 3.1.6 The School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024;
  - 3.1.7 Equality Act 2010; and
  - 3.1.8 Data Protection Act 2018 and UK General Data Protection Regulation (**UK GDPR**)

- 3.2 This policy has regard to the following guidance and advice:
- 3.2.1 [Working together to improve school attendance statutory guidance](#) (DfE, August 2024);
  - 3.2.2 [Summary table of responsibilities for school attendance](#) (DfE, August 2024);
  - 3.2.3 [Toolkit for schools: communicating with families to support attendance](#) (DfE, August 2024);
  - 3.2.4 [Guidance for Parents on school attendance](#) (Office of the Children's Commissioner, July 2024);
  - 3.2.5 ['Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) (NHS, April 2024);
  - 3.2.6 [Keeping children safe in education](#) (DfE, September 2025);<sup>1</sup>
  - 3.2.7 [Children missing education](#) (DfE, August 2024);
  - 3.2.8 [Supporting pupils with medical conditions at school](#) (DfE, August 2017);
  - 3.2.9 [Behaviour in schools: advice for headteachers and school staff](#) (DfE, February 2024);
  - 3.2.10 [Mental health and behaviour in schools](#) (DfE, November 2018);
  - 3.2.11 [Mental health issues affecting a pupil's attendance: guidance for schools](#) (DfE, February 2023);
  - 3.2.12 [Support for pupils where a mental health issue is affecting attendance](#) (DfE, February 2023);
  - 3.2.13 [Providing remote education: guidance for schools](#) (DfE, updated August 2024); and
  - 3.2.14 [SEND Code of practice: 0 to 25 years](#) (DfE and Department of Health, May 2015).
- 3.3 The following School policies, procedures and resource materials are relevant to this policy:
- 3.3.1 Safeguarding and child protection policy and procedures;
  - 3.3.2 Risk assessment policy;
  - 3.3.3 Missing child policy and procedures
  - 3.3.4 Policy on special educational needs and learning difficulties;
  - 3.3.5 Behaviour policy; and
  - 3.3.6 Parent Contract.
  - 3.3.7

## 4 **Publication and availability**

- 4.1 This policy is published on the School website.
- 4.2 Parents will be reminded of this policy during Parent Induction Meetings at the beginning of the school year and when the policy is updated.
- 4.3 This policy is available in hard copy on request.

## 5 **Definitions and interpretation**

- 5.1 Where the following words or phrases are used in this policy:
  - 5.1.1 references to **attendance** include references to attendance for all or part of the timetabled school day.
  - 5.1.2 references to the **Proprietor** are references to the board of Trustees.
  - 5.1.3 references to a **Parent** means:
    - (a) all natural parents, whether they are married or not;
    - (b) any person who has parental responsibility for a pupil; and
    - (c) any person who has day to day responsibility for a pupil (i.e. lives with and looks after a pupil).
  - 5.1.4 References to a **pupil** includes anyone who is receiving an education at the school except a person for whom part-time education suitable for people over compulsory school age is being provided.
  - 5.1.5 **SAC** means the School's attendance champion

## 6 **Responsibility statement and allocation of tasks**

- 6.1 The Proprietor has overall responsibility for all matters which are the subject of this policy.
- 6.2 The Proprietor recognises that improving attendance is a school leadership issue and has appointed a designated senior leader to have overall responsibility for championing and improving attendance in School, referred to in this policy as the SAC.
- 6.3 To ensure the efficient discharge of its responsibilities under this policy, the Proprietor has allocated the following tasks:

| Task                                                                                                                                      | Allocated to | When / frequency of review         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Keeping the policy up to date and compliant with the law and best practice                                                                | SAC          | As required, and at least termly   |
| Monitoring the implementation of the policy                                                                                               | SAC          | As required, and at least termly   |
| Analysing attendance and absence data                                                                                                     | SAC          | As required, and at least termly   |
| Seeking input from interested groups (such as pupils, staff, Parents) to consider improvements to the School's processes under the policy | SAC          | As required, and at least annually |
| Formal annual review                                                                                                                      | Proprietor   | Annually                           |

## 7 The importance of good attendance

- 7.1 The School recognises the importance of developing good patterns of attendance from the outset. This is an integral part of the School's ethos and culture. In building a culture of good school attendance it recognises:
- 7.1.1 the importance of good attendance, alongside good behaviour, as a central part of the school's vision, values, ethos, and day to day life;
  - 7.1.2 the interplay between attendance and wider school improvement efforts, building it into strategies on attainment, behaviour, bullying, special educational needs support, supporting pupils with medical conditions and / or disabilities, mental health issues, safeguarding wellbeing, and support for disadvantaged pupils;
  - 7.1.3 the importance of setting high expectations for the attendance and punctuality of all pupils and communicating these regularly and effectively to pupils and Parents;
  - 7.1.4 that attendance is never "solved" and is a continuous process requiring revision and updating of messages, processes and strategies; and
  - 7.1.5 children missing education can act as a vital warning sign to a range of safeguarding issues, including neglect, sexual abuse and child sexual and criminal exploitation.

## **8 School responsibilities**

- 8.1 The School acknowledges that attendance is the essential foundation to securing positive outcomes for all pupils and that everyone has a responsibility to take proactive steps to manage and improve attendance across the School community.
- 8.2 The School will consistently promote the benefits of good attendance, setting high expectations for every pupil and consistently communicating those expectations to pupils and Parents.
- 8.3 Where there are challenges to attendance, the School will work effectively and respectfully with pupils, their families and, where appropriate, local authorities to address them.
- 8.4 The School will respond to non-attendance and / or lateness proactively, firmly, consistently and with care, with appropriate reference to this policy, its safeguarding and behaviour policies and the School's terms and conditions. It will act in a proportionate and targeted way in response to data or intelligence and ensure intervention is regularly reviewed.
- 8.5 The School will have robust systems in place to track and record attendance, reasons for absence and patterns at an individual level and by cohorts or groups in order to identify pupils at risk of non-attendance and those who are persistently absent and it will monitor and analyse this data regularly to facilitate early intervention to address issues.
- 8.6 The School ensures that all teaching and non-teaching staff know the importance of good attendance and are consistent in their communication with pupils and Parents about it.
- 8.7 The School provides appropriate training and professional development for staff consistent with their roles and responsibilities.

## **9 Staff responsibilities**

The School will accurately complete admission and attendance registers and have effective day to day processes in place to follow-up absence. These registers are kept electronically. Contact details of relevant staff can be found at the front of the policy and other details about the School's arrangements can be found in Appendix 2.

## **The SAC**

- 9.1 The Proprietor has appointed a member of the school leadership team, the headteacher, as SAC to have overall responsibility for championing and improving attendance in school. Details of the individual appointed are at the front of this policy.

9.1.1 The SAC's responsibilities are:

- (a) to set a clear vision for improving attendance in school;
- (b) to establish and maintain effective systems for tackling absence and make sure the systems are followed by all staff;
- (c) to regularly monitor and evaluate progress, including the efficacy of the school's strategies and processes;
- (d) to have oversight of and analyse attendance data; and
- (e) to communicate clear messages on the importance of attendance to pupils and Parents.

9.2 **Class Teachers:**

- 9.2.1 have a formal routine for registers being taken accurately each morning and afternoon;
- 9.2.2 record all absences promptly and accurately using the processes specified;
- 9.2.3 display the total number of pupils present in the classroom once registration has closed;
- 9.2.4 deal with lateness to lessons consistently and promptly;
- 9.2.5 monitor patterns and anomalies in attendance and punctuality for their class, and report concerns directly to the SAC/Headteacher; and
- 9.2.6 discuss non-attendance and /or lateness with pupils and Parents where necessary, emphasise the importance of punctuality and attendance and support pupils to understand the importance of regular attendance.

9.3 **Admin Staff:**

- 9.3.1 verify class numbers against the register after closure of registration each morning;
- 9.3.2 contact parents promptly where absence is not reported, escalating to emergency contacts if necessary;
- 9.3.3 record all absences promptly and accurately using the processes specified;
- 9.3.4 record details of pupils who arrive late or leave early, annotating the reason and time in Bromcom, with their initials;
- 9.3.5 make enquiries about unexplained absences, including those within the school day, and follow up with pupil to ensure that an explanation has been formally given to the School;

- 9.3.6 look out for trends or patterns in a pupil's attendance and inform the SAC of any specific concerns; and
- 9.3.7 submit weekly attendance data to the SAC/Headteacher ensuring the awareness of patterns of persistent or severe absence.

## **10 Strategies for promoting attendance**

- 10.1 The school actively promotes and celebrated good attendance. Positive reinforcement is given through:
  - weekly assemblies where attendance is recognised and celebrated;
  - certificates / prizes for pupils with excellent attendance each half term; and
  - annual awards including 100% attendance trophies and prizes for pupils.

## **11 Monitoring attendance**

- 11.1 The School will undertake regular data analysis to identify and provide additional support to pupils or pupil cohorts that need it, and to look at historic and emerging patterns across the School and develop strategies to address them. Such analysis may include:
  - 11.1.1 monitoring and analysing weekly attendance patterns and trends and provide support in a targeted way to pupils and families;
  - 11.1.2 using this analysis to provide regular attendance reports to class teachers to facilitate discussions with pupils and to leaders (including the special educational needs coordinator and designated safeguarding lead);
  - 11.1.3 undertaking frequent individual level analysis to identify pupils who need support and focus staff efforts on developing targeting actions for those cases;
  - 11.1.4 conducting thorough analysis of half-termly, termly, and full year data to identify patterns and trends;
  - 11.1.5 benchmarking attendance data at whole school, year group and cohort level to identify areas of focus for improvement;
  - 11.1.6 devising specific strategies to address areas of poor attendance identified through data;
  - 11.1.7 monitoring the impact of school-wide attendance efforts, including any specific strategies implemented; and
  - 11.1.8 providing data and reports to the Proprietor to support its work.

## **12 Pupil responsibilities**

- 12.1 School attendance is important to pupil attainment, wellbeing and development. The School therefore has high expectations of pupils as to their attendance and has systems in place to reward good attendance and manage poor attendance.
- 12.2 Pupils should be aware that:
  - 12.2.1 they are expected to be present in-person for the duration of each School day;
  - 12.2.2 they are expected to arrive on time and attend all timetabled lessons;
  - 12.2.3 they should not leave a lesson or the School site without permission or otherwise in accordance with School rules;
  - 12.2.4 they should engage with the School's arrangements for recording and managing attendance as set out in this policy;
  - 12.2.5 any unexplained absence will be followed up;
  - 12.2.6 persistent lateness or non-attendance will result in action being taken by the School. This may take the form of:
    - (a) offers of support to seek to identify and address any barriers to attendance;
    - (b) communication with Parents;
    - (c) reporting to other agencies such as children's social care; and
    - (d) sanctions against them or their Parents in line with the School's behaviour policies.
  - 12.2.7 If pupils are having difficulties that might discourage or prevent them from attending School or specific lessons regularly, they may speak to any member of staff, although the School encourages them to speak to their Class Teacher. Pupils are entitled to expect this information to be managed sensitively.

## **13 Additional needs**

- 13.1 The School recognises some pupils may find it harder than others to attend School, and will work with those pupils and parents to try to remove barriers to attendance by building strong and trusting relationships and working together to put the right support in place.
- 13.2 The School will make reasonable adjustments where a pupil has a disability that puts them at a substantial disadvantage, in comparison with pupils without a disability, in relation to school attendance.
- 13.3 It will also work with Parents , and where appropriate with the local authority, to develop specific support approaches for attendance for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities e.g. ensuring the provision outlined in a pupil's education, health and care plan is accessed.

- 13.4 Where a pupil has an education, health and care plan the School will communicate with the local authority where the pupil's attendance falls or the School become aware of barriers to attendance that relate to the pupil's needs.
- 13.5 Suitable strategies and support will also be considered for pupils with any social, emotional or mental health issue that is affecting their attendance.
- 13.6 Where barriers are outside of the School's control, the School will work with Parents and pupils to identify alternative sources of support or consider, where appropriate, making a referral for early help.
- 13.7 In line with statutory Department for Education guidance, the School may make a sickness return to the local authority if a pupil is recorded in the attendance register as absent using the national absence code I (illness) and there are reasonable grounds to believe that the pupil will be absent for 15 or more school days, whether consecutive or cumulative. This is to ensure that the child is not missing education because of ill health and that appropriate provision can be arranged by the local authority. Parents are expected to provide appropriate medical evidence to support prolonged or frequent absence due to illness.

#### **14 Parent / carer responsibilities**

- 14.1 The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education.
- 14.2 This means pupils must attend every day that the School is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the School.
- 14.3 The School will help Parents to understand what is expected of them and why attendance is important to their child's attainment, wellbeing, and wider development and provide clarity on the short- and long-term consequences of poor attendance.
- 14.4 Parents are bound by the terms relating to conduct and attendance in the parent contract and failure to ensure a child's attendance or engage with the School about it could amount to a breach of contract or a finding that the parent is treating the School unreasonably.
- 14.5 Parents of Key Stage 2 pupils will receive information about their child's attendance and punctuality through the Interim School Report, issued at the end of each term and including attendance data.
- 14.6 Where there is a concern about a pupil's attendance the Headteacher /SAC will arrange a phone call or meeting with the parents to discuss attendance and engagement
- 14.7 Where absence is persistent, a letter will be sent to parents.

## 15 Training

- 15.1 **Staff:** The School ensures that regular guidance and training on attendance is arranged on induction and at regular intervals thereafter so that staff and volunteers understand what is expected of them by this policy and have the necessary knowledge and skills to carry out their roles. As a minimum this will include all staff understanding:
- 15.1.1 the importance of good attendance and that absence is almost always a symptom of wider circumstances; and
  - 15.1.2 the School's strategies and procedures for tracking, following up and improving attendance.
- 15.2 Dedicated attendance training is provided to any member of staff with a specified attendance function in their role, including administrative and pastoral staff and senior leaders.
- This should include:
- 15.2.1 the law and requirements of schools including on the keeping of registers;
  - 15.2.2 the process for working with other partners to provide more intensive support to pupils who need it;
  - 15.2.3 the necessary skills to interpret and analyse attendance data; and
  - 15.2.4 any additional training that would be beneficial to support pupils and pupil cohorts overcome commonly seen barriers to attendance.
- 15.3 The School maintains written records of all staff training.

## 16 Information sharing

- 16.1 Personal information on attendance will only be shared in line with legal obligations and having regard to government guidance on attendance, safeguarding and children missing education.
- 16.2 The School, local authorities and other local partners should work jointly and share data on individual cases where it is of benefit to a pupil (e.g. health services where there are medical conditions or the police where there are extra-familial harms).
- 16.3 Where appropriate the schools will attend regular targeting support meetings.
- 16.4 The School is legally required to share information from the registers with the local authority. As a minimum this includes:
- 16.4.1 New pupil and deletion returns;
  - 16.4.2 Attendance returns;
  - 16.4.3 Sickness returns.
- 16.5 The law allows local authority officers access to the attendance and admission registers of all types of schools to carry out their functions under the Education Acts

to support joint working between schools and local authorities. These officers are also permitted to take digital or physical extracts of the School's registers.

- 16.6 The School must provide specific pupil information on request to the Secretary of State. The School meets this requirement by having an electronic management information system containing the required information that can be made accessible by the DfE if requested to do so. The School also uses this tool to monitor pupil level attendance and understand trends in attendance patterns.
- 16.7 Where appropriate, the School is expected to inform a pupil's social worker and / or youth offending team worker if there are unexplained absences.

## **17 Record keeping and confidentiality**

- 17.1 All records created in accordance with this policy are managed in accordance with the School's policies that apply to the retention and destruction of records.
- 17.2 The information created in connection with this policy may contain personal data. The School's use of this personal data will be in accordance with data protection law. The School has published privacy notices on its website which explain how the School will use personal data.

## **Appendix 1**

### **School arrangements**

#### **1 Managing attendance**

- 1.1 The School monitors, records and shares data about pupil attendance as part of its duty to safeguard and protect pupils and promote attendance. It accurately completes admission and attendance registers as required by law and set out in Appendix 2 and Appendix 3 respectively. The admission and attendance registers are kept electronically and retained by the School for the relevant time period as stated by law.
- 1.2 The School expects all pupils to be present at School for the whole of the School day, usually from registration at 8:25am to close at 3:15pm, but this period may be extended, for example for out of school clubs, sports fixtures or school trips.

#### **2 The role of Parents / carers**

- 2.1 The School expects all Parents to:
  - 2.1.1 make any application for an authorised leave of absence at the earliest opportunity;
  - 2.1.2 notify the School of any absence or delay as soon as reasonably possible in accordance with this policy and when doing so, give an accurate explanation for this; and
  - 2.1.3 cooperate with the School to explore possible barriers to attendance and to improve it where attendance has been raised as an issue.

#### **3 Registration and attendance checks**

- 3.1 Morning registration is from 8:25am to 8:30am. The registers will remain open for 30 minutes after the start of morning registration.
- 3.2 Afternoon registration will close at 1:00pm.
- 3.3 Once the morning and afternoon registers close, a pupil will be recorded as absent if not present in the classroom / lesson.
- 3.4 If a pupil is absent when the register started being taken but arrives before the register is closed they will be recorded as a late arrival (code L).
- 3.5 If a pupil arrives after the register has closed but before the end of the session without a satisfactory explanation e.g. because of an unavoidable cause, then this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence (code U) and the reasons given / not given will be recorded.
- 3.6 The School uses E-Registration, Bromcom Attendance Management System.

#### **4 Reporting absence**

- 4.1 If a pupil is to be absent from School for any reason, the parent / carer should contact the following below by email / telephone by 8:15am on first morning of absence;
  - 4.1.1 Absence Reporting Line: 0161 445 54 52 (option 2)
  - 4.1.2 School Office: 0161 445 54 52 (option 1)
  - 4.1.3 Email: [admin@mmmps.miet.uk](mailto:admin@mmmps.miet.uk)

- 4.2 Where a pupil is ill, the School should be notified of the nature of the illness.
- 5 **Arrangements for reporting subsequent absence**
- 5.1 Absence will be recorded on the Attendance Register as set out in Appendix 3.
- 6 **Managing absence**
- 6.1 Unexplained Absence
- 6.1.1 Where a pupil expected to attend does not arrive, the School will:
- call the parent/carer on the **first morning of absence** to ascertain the reason;
  - continue to call **each day** that the absence remains unexplained;
  - contact **emergency contacts** if parents/carers cannot be reached;
  - involve the **education welfare officer** if absence continues without explanation;
  - identify whether the absence is authorised or not, apply the correct code, and record this promptly in BROMCOM; and
  - consider whether safeguarding or “missing child” procedures should be initiated.
- 6.2 Prolonged Absence
- Where an absence lasts **longer than 5 days**, or if there are doubts about the authenticity of illness, parents will be asked to provide medical evidence (doctor’s note, prescription, appointment card, etc.).
  - If authenticity is not established, the absence will be recorded as **unauthorised** and parents will be notified.
  - If a pupil is absent for **15 or more school days** due to ill health (consecutive or cumulative), the School may make a **sickness return to the local authority**, in line with DfE guidance (2013), to ensure pupils do not miss education because of illness. Parents are expected to provide appropriate medical evidence to support such absences.
- 6.3 Escalation and Parental Engagement
- Meetings will be arranged with parents/carers of pupils with persistent or severe absence, to discuss attendance and engagement.
  - Where lateness or absence persists, letters will be issued, and parents/carers will be offered support but also reminded of the School’s high expectations.
  - Sanctions, including fines for unauthorised absence, may be applied in line with the Behaviour Policy and statutory attendance measures

## 7 **Authorised absences**

- 7.1 Authorised absence means that the School has either given approval in advance for a pupil to be away (granted an authorised leave of absence) or has accepted an explanation offered afterwards as justification for absence.

## 8 **Applications for an authorised leave of absence**

- 8.1 Requests for term-time absence will only be granted in **exceptional circumstances**. Parents/carers must obtain a leave of absence request form the school office, complete it in full, and submit it to the Headteacher at least two weeks in advance. Submission of a request form does not mean that permission will be granted, and parents/carers should not make any bookings until they have received written confirmation from the Headteacher. Any absence taken without permission will be recorded as unauthorised and may result in **daily fine of £50 per pupil**.
- 8.2 Each application will be considered individually, taking into account the specific facts and circumstances, the pupil's **attendance record to date**, and the wider context of the request.
- 8.3 Apart from illness or where there are additional needs, no pupil should be away from School without prior permission from the Headteacher. Absence not authorised in advance will be recorded as **unauthorised** and may lead to a fine being issued.
- 8.4 Dental or medical appointments must be arranged outside of the school day or during holidays. Where this is not possible, pupils should be absent the **minimum time necessary**. In emergencies, parents/carers must notify the Headteacher immediately.
- 8.5 If a leave of absence is granted, the Headteacher will determine the **length of the time** a pupil is permitted to be away from School. This will be recorded as an authorised absence, and confirmation will be provided in writing.

## 9 **Reporting duties**

- 9.1 The School is legally required to share information from their registers with the local authority. As a minimum this includes:
- 9.1.1 **New Pupil and Deletion returns:** notifying the local authority when a pupil's name is added to or deleted from the school admission register outside of standard transition times.
- 9.1.2 **Attendance returns:** providing the local authority with the names and addresses of all pupils of compulsory school age who fail to attend school regularly or have been absent for a continuous period of ten school days where their absence has been recorded with one or more of the codes statistically classified as unauthorised (G, N, O, and/or U).
- 9.1.3 **Sickness returns:** providing the local authority with the full name and address of all pupils of compulsory school age who have been recorded with code I (illness) and who the school has reasonable grounds to believe will miss 15 days consecutively or cumulatively

because of sickness. Only one sickness return is required for a continuous period of sickness in a school year.

- 9.2 Action will also be taken in accordance with the safeguarding and child protection policy if any absence of a pupil from the School gives rise to a concern about their welfare. This includes referring any concerns about a pupil to local children's social care services and instigating a police welfare check where necessary.

## Appendix 2 Admission register

### 1 Admission register

- 1.1 In accordance with the requirements of the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 the School will:
  - 1.1.1 maintain an admission register of all pupils (of both compulsory and non-compulsory school age) admitted to the School (also known as the school roll); and
  - 1.1.2 inform the local authority of any pupil who is going to be added to or deleted from the School's admission register at non-standard transition points.
- 1.2 The admission register is kept electronically and a back-up copy of the register is made at least once a month in the form of an electronic or printed copy.
- 1.3 The school ensures that every entry in the School's admission register is preserved for six years beginning with the day on which the entry was made; and every back-up copy of the register is preserved for six years after the end of the school year that it relates to.
- 1.4 The admissions register contains specific personal details of every pupil in the School, including their date of admission, information regarding Parents and carers and details of the school they last attended
- 1.5 A pupil's name can only be deleted from the admission register for a reason set out in regulation 9 of the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024. When any of the situations set out in regulation 9 occurs, the pupil's name must be deleted.
- 1.6 Where the School notifies the local authority that the pupil's name is to be deleted from the admission register, the School must provide it with the following information:
  - 1.6.1 the full name of the pupil;
  - 1.6.2 the address of the pupil;
  - 1.6.3 the full name and address of any parent the pupil normally lives with;
  - 1.6.4 at least one telephone number of any parent with whom the pupil lives or can be contacted in an emergency;
  - 1.6.5 the pupil's future address, the full name and address of the parent who the pupil is going to live with, and the date the pupil is expected to start living there, if applicable;
  - 1.6.6 name of the pupil's other or future school and pupil's start date or expected start date there, if applicable;
  - 1.6.7 the ground (prescribed in regulation 9) under which the pupil's name is to be deleted from the admission register.

## **Appendix 3 Attendance register**

### **1 Attendance register**

- 1.1 The School records and monitors the attendance of all pupils (both of compulsory and non-compulsory school age) in accordance with the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) (Regulations) 2024
- 1.2 The School uses the appropriate national attendance and absence codes system to enable it to record and monitor attendance and absence in a consistent way which complies with regulation 10 of the Attendance Regulations.
- 1.3 The attendance register is kept electronically and a back-up copy of the register is made at least once a month in the form of an electronic or printed copy.
- 1.4 The School will also use these records to identify patterns of poor attendance (at individual and cohort level) and work with pupils and Parents to resolve any issues before they become entrenched.
- 1.5 The School is required by law to take attendance registers twice daily - once at the start of the morning session and once during the afternoon session.
- 1.6 On each occasion it will be recorded whether every pupil is:
  - 1.6.1 physically present in school when the attendance register begins to be taken; or
  - 1.6.2 absent from the school when the attendance register begins to be taken but attends before the taking of the register has ended; or
  - 1.6.3 attending a place other than the school; or
  - 1.6.4 absent.
- 1.7 The circumstances in which a pupil may be recorded as attending a place, other than the school, can include:
  - 1.7.1 attending educational provision arranged by a local authority;
  - 1.7.2 for an educational visit or trip arranged by or on behalf of the school and supervised by a member of school staff;
  - 1.7.3 attending a place for an approved educational activity that is a sporting activity;
  - 1.7.4 attending a place for any other approved educational activity.

### **2 Recording absence**

- 2.1 Absence will be recorded in accordance with the national absence codes set out in regulation 10 of the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) (Regulations) 2024 and statutory guidance Working together to improve school attendance relating to:
  - 2.1.1 leaves of absence;
  - 2.1.2 other authorised reasons;
  - 2.1.3 unable to attend school because of unavoidable cause;
  - 2.1.4 unauthorised absence.

### **3. Remote education**

- 3.1 The School is required to record all absence from in-person lessons.
- 3.2 While in-person education is always the expectation, the School may, in limited circumstances, provide short-term remote education for pupils who are well enough to learn but unable to attend the School site. This ensures pupils are not disadvantaged and can keep pace with their education.
- 3.3 Where remote education is considered, the School will:
- Ensure agreement between the School, parents/carers, and where appropriate the pupil and/or a relevant medical professional. Where a pupil has an Education, Health and Care Plan or a social worker, the local authority will also be consulted.
  - Where remote education forms part of a plan to reintegrate a pupil back into school, put in place a formal arrangement to review its effectiveness regularly, and consider what other support or flexibilities may help the pupil return to school as soon as possible.
  - Set a clear time limit for any period of remote education, with the aim that pupils return to full in-person education promptly with support in place to meet their needs.
- 3.4 Pupils receiving remote education will still be recorded as absent on the attendance register, using the appropriate absence code. The School will keep a record of, and monitor, pupil engagement with remote education. This information may be used to support reintegration into school.
- 3.5 The School will use a secure and up-to-date digital platform to deliver remote education. Staff will remain trained and confident in its safe and effective use.

### **3 Unauthorised absence**

- 3.1 The "unauthorised absence" code will be used when prior permission for absence has not been given and where the School is not satisfied with the explanation given for absence or delayed attendance or where no explanation has been given meaning that the code for "unable to attend due to an exceptional circumstance" is not appropriate. Examples include:
- 3.1.1 holiday has not been authorised by the School or is in excess of the period determined by the Headteacher;
  - 3.1.2 the reason for absence has not been provided;
  - 3.1.3 a pupil is absent from school without authorisation;
  - 3.1.4 a pupil has arrived in school after registration has closed and without reasonable explanation.