

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

### Why is school and punctuality important?

#### Because Every Second Counts:

- 5 minutes late each day means three whole school days are lost each year
- 95% attendance equates to two weeks of education missed in a school year
- Poor Attendance affects learning
- Poor Attendance affects future outcomes
- Attendance affects wellbeing and sense of belonging

#### The school are concerned about your child's attendance and are going to involve the Education Social Worker. What will the Education Social Worker do?

- Contact you to arrange a meeting
- Meet to talk through the reasons for your child's poor attendance and discuss your concerns.
- Give you help and advice to improve your child's attendance.
- Assess the situation and agree a support plan with you , your child and school
- In consultation with school, consider the use of a Fixed Penalty Notice
- Instigate legal proceedings in cases where school attendance does not improve.

You can contact the Education Social Work Service on

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