



# Attendance Support

## In a nutshell

Regular attendance at school is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life. There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results. If a child is not at school, they are not learning.

We have an Attendance Support Officer who works for the Cluster on advising and supporting school staff. We also have an On-Street minibus that can go and visit homes for safeguarding visits and pick up children who are not in school.

Our cluster also works in partnership with Leeds City Council's Attendance Service, allowing us to provide support and legal advice in relation to school attendance.

## On Street Bus

**Tel: 07712214886**

If a pupil whose school attendance is above 65%, but who isn't responding to school strategies, the On Street team will make a maximum of 4 visits per half term, with the aim of bringing that child into school.

If the problem continues after 4 visits, our Attendance Officer will contact you, and can help to undertake further action. On Street won't continue to visit once this has happened.

If you need to ask us to visit a pupil whose attendance is below 65%, or who hasn't been seen for a while, please telephone and a member of the team will take the details. These visits will be done as soon as possible, but not necessarily the same day. If the team aren't successful in having sight of that pupil, after three attempts, a request will be made to the Safer Schools Police Officer to do a joint visit.

## Cluster Attendance Support Officer

Our Cluster Attendance Support Officer can help in a number of ways.

On a practical level our Attendance Support Officer works alongside key staff in school on analyzing data, devising and implementing strategies that support improvements in attendance. For individual children where there are on-going concerns, the Officer can support home visits, multi agency meetings and identify objectives for the young person and family.

For a few children where improvements to attendance is not apparent and are difficult to maintain, our Officer can advise on the next steps towards legal action.

**Only schools in Seacroft Manston Cluster can make referrals for this service using the Cluster Referral Form (June 2016).**