

Do you know a child who is missing from education?

In Haringey we are concerned about any child or young person who is missing out on their education.

It may not only be their education at risk, but also their safety and welfare. That's why we need your support.

Everyone needs to play their part in protecting children missing from education. By contacting us you are ensuring the safety and well-being of some of the most vulnerable children and young people within our community.

Please contact us as soon as possible if you know of a child who is not in school and may not be receiving education at home.

Complete our Children Missing Education form online at



www.haringey.gov.uk/cme

Contact us at:



children.missingeducation@haringey.gov.uk



020 8489 2445 or
020 8489 4411

If you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm, call the Police on **999**.



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WHO ARE CHILDREN MISSING FROM EDUCATION?

These are children and young people aged 5-16 who are:

- not registered at a school
- poorly attending school or education provision
- not being educated at home or through another approved educational provision

Every child and young person aged 5-16 is legally entitled to full-time education, whatever their needs or circumstances. When young people are not in school they are missing out on the essential learning they need to progress in life. It could also be an indication there is something wrong in their home life or with their physical and mental wellbeing.

WHAT ARE THE POSSIBLE DANGERS?

Children missing education are more likely to be at risk of:

- harm or neglect
- being abused or exploited at home
- being illegally employed
- becoming involved in criminal activity
- committing antisocial behaviour
- misusing drugs and alcohol

WHY DO CHILDREN MISS EDUCATION?

The most common reasons can include:

- parents/carers not realising the age a child should start primary school or move up to secondary school
- not attending school due to bullying, illness or other issues

- parents/carers taking their child out of school due to a dispute or disagreement
- families moving house frequently or becoming homeless
- families newly arrived to the UK
- no school places being available when a family moves to a new area
- families experiencing breakdown and/or domestic abuse
- parents/carers deciding to home educate and not informing the local authority
- children caring for a member of the family
- children in domestic servitude

Parents/carers choosing to educate children at home are advised to inform the local authority of their intentions.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I REPORT A CONCERN?

When you share information with us about young people you think are missing from education, we can make sure they are safe, and registered at a school or an alternative educational setting as soon as possible.

We all have a responsibility to protect children and help those who are missing out on their education. By contacting us you are ensuring the safety and wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable children and young people within our community.

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