

01 Background

All children, regardless of their circumstances, are entitled to an efficient, full time education which is suitable to their age, ability, aptitude and any special educational needs they may have. [Children missing education](#) are children of compulsory school age who are not registered pupils at a school and are not receiving suitable education otherwise than at a school.

Effective information sharing between parents, schools and local authorities is critical to ensuring that all children of compulsory school age are safe and receiving suitable education

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What to do?

Follow the Salford City Council protocol: <https://www.salford.gov.uk/.../children-missing-education/> if you know of a child or young person who is not accessing education regularly. You will find relevant information regarding Children Missing Education here including a referral form.

If you are worried that a child is in danger you must call the police immediately on 999.

Contact: cme@salford.gov.uk:

- If a child is missing school for 20 consecutive school days.
- If a child moves across authority boarders and fails to register at another school.
- If a child that has recently come into this authority and is not accessing education

Key Guidance

The updated (September 2016) Department for Education (DfE) [guidance for Children Missing Education](#)

[Salford City Council's guidance and referral form](#) should be used if you know a Child Missing Education in Salford.

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Further Information:

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Why it matters 02

Children missing education are at significant risk of underachieving, being victims of harm, exploitation or radicalisation, and becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training) later in life.

These 'missing' children can be amongst the most vulnerable in our city. It is essential that all services work together to identify and re-engage these children back into appropriate education provision as quickly as possible.

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Information: The Law

Schools must make reasonable enquiries to establish the whereabouts of the child jointly with the local authority, before deleting the pupil's name from the register if the deletion is under regulation 8(1), sub-paragraphs (f)(iii) and (h)(iii) ([see Annex A](#)).

All schools (including academies and independent schools) must notify their local authority when they are about to remove a pupil's name from the school admission register under any of the fifteen grounds listed in the regulations ([Annex A](#)).

Information: The Law cont...

This duty does not apply when a pupil's name is removed from the admission register at standard transition points – when the pupil has completed the final year of education normally provided by that school – unless the local authority requests that such returns are to be made.

A pupil's name can **ONLY** be removed from the admission register if the school and the local authority have failed to establish the pupil's whereabouts after jointly making reasonable enquiries.

Risk Indicators

- Travelling families known to services and CME historically.
- Transient families, or those children from families who are studying in the UK.
- Transient families who do not return from travelling abroad.
- Children discussing moves with friends and teachers at school.
- Children at risk of exclusion.
- Parents at the stage of prosecution for poor attendance.
- Bullying issues within schools.
- Children who are missing or are at risk of becoming missing from home.

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