



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CONFERENCE 2022

PUTTING ATTENDANCE AT THE HEART OF YOUR
SCHOOL'S VISION

26TH JANUARY 2022

09.00

REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENT

09.25

CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

09.30

OPENING KEYNOTE: PUTTING ATTENDANCE AT THE HEART OF COVID-
RECOVERY PLANNING

09.50

PANEL: LEADING ON ATTENDANCE - WHAT DOES AN EFFECTIVE
ATTENDANCE STRATEGY LOOK LIKE IN 2022?

How can school leaders prioritise attendance with increasingly stretched resources and funding? What steps can schools take to create inclusive cultures that encourage positive attendance? With the Government stating attendance restrictions should be a 'last resort' for dealing with Covid, what challenges are schools facing and how can they be addressed?

Questions and comments from the floor

10.40

CASE STUDY: RETHINKING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF
COVID

11.00

MORNING BREAK AND REFRESHMENTS

11.30

KEYNOTE: MEETING OFSTED'S CRITERIA FOR ATTENDANCE

12.00

PANEL: TACKLING PERSISTENT ABSENCE - WHAT CAN YOU DO?

What more can school leaders, attendance officers and teaching staff do to address persistent absence? What are the latest whole school approaches, evidence-based interventions and innovative strategies, including around parental engagement? How can schools recognise pupils who are at risk of PA and identify patterns, barriers and problems? What needs to be taken into account when establishing action plans?

Questions and comments from the floor

12.45

LUNCH AND NETWORKING

13.45

KEYNOTE: ACHIEVING BETTER OUTCOMES THROUGH ATTENDANCE: SOCIAL MOBILITY AND CLOSING THE GAP

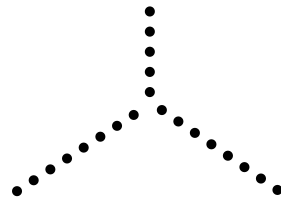
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PANEL: COVID-19 AND THE GROWING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

With the mental health of children and young people at breaking point, what action can schools take to best support their students, encourage attendance, and prevent long-term issues? What reasonable adjustments should schools be making when it comes to mental health?

15.00

CHOICE OF BREAKOUT SESSION



SAFEGUARDING: WHEN SHOULD YOU INVESTIGATE ABSENCE?

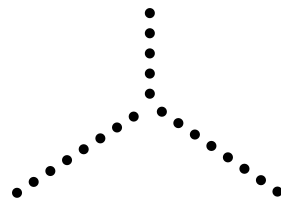
TAKING A WHOLE SYSTEM APPROACH TO SAFEGUARDING AND ATTENDANCE

15.30

AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING

15.45

CHOICE OF CASE STUDY SESSION



CASE STUDY: TRANSFORMING ATTENDANCE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

CASE STUDY: PREVENTING CHILDREN FROM BECOMING 'LOST TO SCHOOLS'

16.15

PANEL: DEMYSTIFYING THE DATA - INFORMATION SHARING AND DEVELOPING PRACTICE TOGETHER

With the pressure to use data only growing, how can schools effectively evaluate and use the data they collect? What does the national and local data tell us, and how useful is benchmarking? How can schools share information, develop practice together, and deliver evidence-based interventions while still taking into account local, and specific, contexts?

16.50

CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS AND SUMMARY OF THE DAY

17.00

CLOSE OF CONFERENCE