



Governor Visit Record

Date	7/11/2024	Governors	Gill Finch, Karyn McMahon
Objectives for			
Governing Body			
Links with School Development Plan			
Link between attendance and pupil outcomes			
Background preparation			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working Together to Improve School Attendance: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66bf300da44f1c4c23e5bd1b/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_-_August_2024.pdf School Attendance & Children Missing Education - briefing on key changes for September 2024: https://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/article/61910/School-Attendance--Children-Missing-Education---briefing-on-key-changes-for-September-2024 			
Scope of visit / Breadth of visit Scrutiny			
School Attendance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis on Early Intervention: Schools are now required to take a more proactive approach to attendance issues, identifying and addressing them at an earlier stage. Collaboration with Families: The guidance stresses the importance of working closely with parents and carers to support children's attendance. Revised Codes for Attendance Registers: There's a revised set of codes for recording reasons for absence in school registers. Data Sharing: Schools must now share daily attendance data with the Department for Education (DfE) and local authorities. National Framework for Penalty Notices: A new national framework has been introduced for issuing penalty notices for unauthorized absences. Attendance Contracts: The term "parenting contracts" has been replaced with "attendance contracts" to better reflect the agreement between parents, schools, and/or local authorities. Increased Support: The DfE has expanded the number of attendance hubs to provide support to schools and families. 			

In essence, the changes aim to:

- Improve school attendance and reduce persistent absence.
- Strengthen collaboration between schools, families, and local authorities.
- Provide earlier support to pupils and families who are struggling with attendance.
- Ensure a consistent approach to attendance management across the country.

Governor Observations and Comments

- While there aren't significant changes specifically for governors' roles in attendance, their responsibilities are impacted by the new emphasis on proactive attendance management.
- Governors maintain their role in overseeing the school's attendance policy, ensuring it aligns with the updated guidance, and holding the school leadership accountable for its implementation.
- They should be aware of the new national framework for issuing penalty notices and the changes to the law regarding attendance registers and data sharing.
- Governors should actively support the school in fostering a culture of good attendance and working in partnership with families.

Issues to be raised with the Full Governing Body (if any)

Plans for Follow-up Visit

Spring Term: Attendance data analysis

Date reviewed at FGB 26.11.24