



Open Report on behalf of Heather Sandy, Executive Director – Children’s Services

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	13 January 2023
Subject:	Attendance in Schools, Elective Home Education and Children Missing Education Annual Report 2021/22

Summary:

This report presents the annual report for the 2021/22 academic year on School Attendance, Elective Home Education and Children Missing Education.

Actions Required:

The Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is invited to review and endorse the School Attendance, Elective Home Education and Children Missing Education Annual Report for 2021/22.

1. Background

This report provides data and information on the attendance of children in schools or educated otherwise. It also reports on children who are missing education i.e. they are not on a school roll, children not attending school regularly and those who are receiving a reduced timetable.

The local authority has a duty under section 436A of the Education Act 1996 to have processes in place to identify children who are not receiving a full-time suitable education. Schools have a duty to inform the local authority of children who are removed from the roll of a school by parents to be electively home educated.

The key points are:

- The launch of the new Department for Education (DfE) guidance Working Together to Improve School Attendance (May 2022) introduces the concept that attendance is everyone’s business. This guidance is currently being implemented and will be fully embedded by September 2023.
- The attendance of school children in Lincolnshire has not yet reached pre-pandemic levels but continues to improve. The implementation of the guidance above will provide opportunities for closer scrutiny of absences and actions being taken to address them.

2. Conclusion

The Committee is invited to review and endorse the annual report on School Attendance, Elective Home Education and Children Missing Education for 2021/22 attached at Appendix A.

3. Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not Applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Attendance in Schools, Elective Home Education and Children Missing Education Annual Report 2021/22

5. Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
DfE: Working together to improve school attendance (May 2022)	Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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