

Report of the Director of Education, Work and Skills

Stockport Attendance Strategy

**1. Attendance Strategy**

- 1.1 This Attendance Strategy is a celebration of our strong ambition that children and young people of Stockport will grow up happy, healthy, with confidence, surrounded by love, care, kindness and belonging. It is underpinned with the knowledge that being in school has multiple benefits for children and young people learning wellbeing and overall development.
- 1.2 This 2 year strategy pays full regard to the statutory guidance placed upon us through the Department for Education's Working Together to Improve School Attendance
- 1.3 Through the successful delivery of this strategy, placing attendance as a key priority for the Local Authority, schools and partners, we believe over the next two years we will have:
- Improved overall rates of attendance.
  - Improved user experience when school attendance concerns are present.
  - A more even spread of data levels across ALL cohorts of children.
  - Reduction in number of electively home educated children
  - Improved rates of attainment and progress in vulnerable group
  - Reduced number of children and young people requiring alternative provision due to needs arising from missed education
  - Increased number of children re-integrated into mainstream provision
- 1.4 Progress of the action plan to deliver the 4 priorities outlined within the strategy (Relationships and Communication, Working in Partnership, Effective Response and Intervention, Data and Systems) made will be overseen and monitored by key strategic leads across the partnership, this group will report to Stockport's Early Help Board.

**2. Financial and Risk Assessment considerations**

- 2.1 No financial and risk consideration required.

**3. Legal Considerations**

- 3.1 Department for Education (DfE) published revised guidance for improving school attendance in March 2024. The guidance became statutory from August 2024, and schools, trusts, governing bodies, and local authorities must have regard to it as part of their efforts to maintain high levels of school attendance. This statutory guidance has informed the development of our attendance strategy and is reflected within it.

**4. Human Resources Implications**

- 4.1 No human resource implications identified.

## **5. Equalities Implications**

5.1 No implications identified.

## **6. Environmental Impact**

6.1 No environmental impact identified.

## **7. Recommendations**

7.1 Children and Families Scrutiny Committee are asked to note and comment on this strategy.

### Background Papers

There are no background papers.

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