

Stantonbury School
Parent Guide Formal Caution Interview
PACE Meeting

What is a PACE meeting?

A Pace meeting is an Interview held at Stantonbury School by the Local Authorities Senior Attendance Officer (Legal Interventions) In relation to the possible prosecution of parents. The Interview will be conducted following the guidelines given to the Local Authority by the Department of Education. The caution you will receive is given in accordance with Code C of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (PACE)

Why would I be invited to a PACE Meeting?

Stantonbury school will make repeated attempts to invite you to an Attendance PCM meeting. However, if you fail to attend then you will face further school attendance procedures. Which may result in a referral to MK City LA for a PACE (Police And Criminal Evidence) interview, which is an interview conducted by an Senior Attendance Officer (Legal Interventions) from MK City LA. Both Parents with legal responsibility will be invited for an interview with the view of obtaining evidence for prosecution.

What will happen?

The Attendance Officer leading the interview will explain to you the basis on which the interview is being conducted and explain which offence it is under the Education Act that is being considered, what the offence is and whether you understand what has been said. You will be made aware that you are not being held under arrest and are free to go at any time.

What are your rights?

You have the right to legal representation at the interview if you so wish. If you decide that you wish for legal representation, then the interview will be rearranged to another appropriate time.

Can I Bring a Friend to support me?

You may bring a friend or associate to support you, but they will not be allowed to participate in the interview and will have to wait outside the room whilst the interview is in progress.

Can I have an Interpreter?

If you have difficulties understanding English and you wish to have an interpreter Milton Keynes Council will arrange a suitable interpreter to be present.

Will I get a record of the interview?

You will be asked a series of questions and an accurate record will be made in writing. You will be given the opportunity to read this record and to sign it to verify that the record is accurate or to indicate which areas you consider inaccurate. This written record will then be copied and given to you in the meeting. Milton Keynes council will use its copy as an exhibit in its court documentation if/ when you are prosecuted for the offense.

