

Stantonbury School

Guide to Attendance Parent Contract Meeting

What is an Attendance PCM Meeting?

Stantonbury School may invite parents to an Attendance PCM meeting if a student's attendance percentage drops below 90% as the student is considered persistently absent. An Attendance PCM meeting is a 30- minute meeting with a member of the Stantonbury School attendance team to establish a plan to improve your child attendance.

What is the aim of an Attendance PCM meeting?

Attendance Parenting Contract Meetings are not a punishment. They are a way for you and the school to work together to help improve your child's school attendance and for you to get practical support from the school or MK City Local authority or another organisation such as the voluntary sector.

Who would be invited to an Attendance PCM meeting?

In line with Working Together to Safeguard Children Act 2018 Anyone can be invited to the meeting that holds responsibility for the child's school attendance, welfare or can provide support to ensure a successful improvement plan.

What does it involve?

Attendance Parenting Contract meetings are intended to give you support- to help you and your child and get the most out of the school. They are also intended to encourage a positive working relationship between yourself and the school so we can all work together to address school attendance. The meeting is for you and the school to discuss your child's attendance or behaviour, the reasons behind it and ways it might be improved. You can also use it to discuss more generally any difficulties which you or your family are having and the types of support that might be helpful to you .

What might be useful to consider?

Before you attend the meeting, it is important to think about what you would like to get out of it . In particular:

- What do you think about you child's truancy/behaviour and are there any reasons behind it which would be helpful to discuss at the meeting?
- Are you experiencing any difficulties at the moment and, if so, how might the school assist?
- What might you realistically do to improve your child's attendance?

What will be discussed?

The Attendance Team will review and share the student's attendance registration certificate which shows all your child's register marks for the academic year so far.

- Reasons given for all school absences.
- Any patterns of absence.
- Behaviour and all exclusions
- Lateness and truancy.

Additional Considerations?

We will discuss a variety of solutions and strategies to help with any of the following.

- Medical issues/Anxiety
- Alleged Bullying
- Home related difficulties
- Transport
- Academic SEN
- Peer/staff relationships
- Community /other

What if I ignore the invitation?

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 the Senior Attendance Officer (Legal Interventions) from MK City LA. Both Parents with legal responsibility will be invited to the interview with the view to obtaining evidence for prosecution.