



Attendance Myth Busters

What parents/ carers have told us.....	The truth.....
The school aren't helping me get my child to school.	We do everything to support you, however, we cannot pick your child up and bring them to school.
School fine parents and keep the money	Lincolnshire County Council issue fines and the money is not given to schools
It's the school's job to get children into school	It is the parent or carer's legal responsibility to get children into school so they can access full time education.
My child's attendance is above 90% - that's good!	Ideally, children should attend every school day. Therefore 100% is the expected level, however, 95% is considered as good attendance. Anything below 95% is not good enough.
If my child is late, they will still get a mark in the register.	Whilst it is better to arrive late than not at all, if your child arrives at school more than 30 minutes after registers close, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Arriving late can cause distress and anxiety to children who have to walk into a classroom of children who are settled and working.
School staff visit our homes to check up on us.	If children are not in school, we have a legal duty to know where they are and why they are not in school. If we do not hear from you for up to 3 days, we may pay a home visit.
The school makes up rules about how long children can have off for certain illnesses.	Schools follow regulations set by Public Health England and the NHS. Further information can be found on the NHS website under the heading "Is my child too ill for school?"
School won't contact me if my child becomes ill.	School will always contact you if your child is too unwell to remain in school.
School is being difficult asking for medical evidence for my child's absence.	Schools may ask to see proof of dental/ doctor appointments. Lincolnshire County Council may request further medical evidence in legal cases.
Schools can authorise holidays if they want to.	As a rule, holidays cannot be authorised. Lincolnshire County Council check that we are not authorising holidays.



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