

Attendance (statutory)

Child employment and entertainment

Elective home education and children missing education

Do you know of a child* who you believe is not receiving education?

If so, please contact Attendance (statutory)/Child Employment and Entertainment/Elective Home Education and Children Missing Education (ACE) who can offer parents and carers advice on school placements and monitor progress in placing children. The ACE team can be contacted on 020 7745 6613

Every child has a right to an education and in this country, it is illegal for a parent/carer to fail to provide a child, of compulsory school age, with an education. Apart from the vital contribution education can make to the life chances of young people, school attendance is a unique opportunity to monitor all children and to detect early warning signs of possible difficulties or concerns, both educational and social.

- * A child is of compulsory school age from the beginning of the term immediately following their 5th birthday, when he/she should be legally receiving education.
- * A child ceases to be of compulsory school age on the last Friday in June of the academic year in which the child has their 16th birthday.
- * A parent/carer can decide to educate their child at home but they should notify the local authority of their intention to enable the local authority to assess the provision and offer support as necessary.
- * The academic year runs from 1 September to 31 August.

