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Local responsibilities

Each local authority has a designated person responsible for monitoring children missing from education and ensuring suitable arrangements are made for the child to access education.

To contact East Riding of Yorkshire Council's designated person for children missing from education:

Email: education.welfare@eastriding.gov.uk

Tel: (01482) 392146 / 392143

Fax: (01482) 392850

Post: Education Welfare Officer for
Children Missing Education
Room FF20
County Hall
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– The Children Act 1989



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Children Missing from Education

**Education Welfare Service:
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Children missing from education

Together with our partner services, the local authority works to ensure that children do not miss out on the opportunity to learn and achieve. Children missing from education not only have their educational attainment put at risk, but potentially their safety and welfare as well.

Partners include schools, health services, housing departments, leisure facilities, children's social care, the police and members of the public.

Who are children missing from education?

- Children of compulsory school age
- Children who are not on a school roll or being educated otherwise (at home, privately or in an alternative form of provision)
- Children who have been out of educational provision for a substantial period of time (more than a month)

Why do children go missing from education?

There are a number of ways in which a child can fall out of an educational provision and become missing from education. These include if a child:

- Fails to start appropriate provision and therefore never enters the education system
- Ceases to attend a school due to exclusion or because a parent withdraws the child
- Fails to start at a new school after completing their time in a previous school or moving to a new location
- Has personal needs, such as disengagement or disillusionment of parents or child has family problems



What can you do to help?

There may be very good reasons why some children are not receiving an education for substantial periods of time. However, at the same time, a child missing education could be a missing child. In the East Riding of Yorkshire, a child missing education is considered to be at risk.

If there is a child of school age who you feel may be missing from education and is without arrangements to support their learning needs, act now by notifying the Education Welfare Service (contact information is on the reverse of this leaflet.)

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attendance"**