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Dear parent/ carer,

Schools have recently received new guidance from the Department for Education called 'Working together to improve school attendance'. A copy of this document can be viewed using this [link](#).

Attendance at school has decreased since the covid pandemic, schools and local authorities are now working together to get attendance back up to pre pandemic levels. Improving attendance is one of the objectives on our developing excellence plan (you can find this on our website).

The following statements are key points straight from the 'Working together to improve school attendance' which are important for you as parents to know;

Improving attendance is everyone's business.

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education suitable to their age, aptitude, and any special educational need they may have. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives that education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school.

Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.

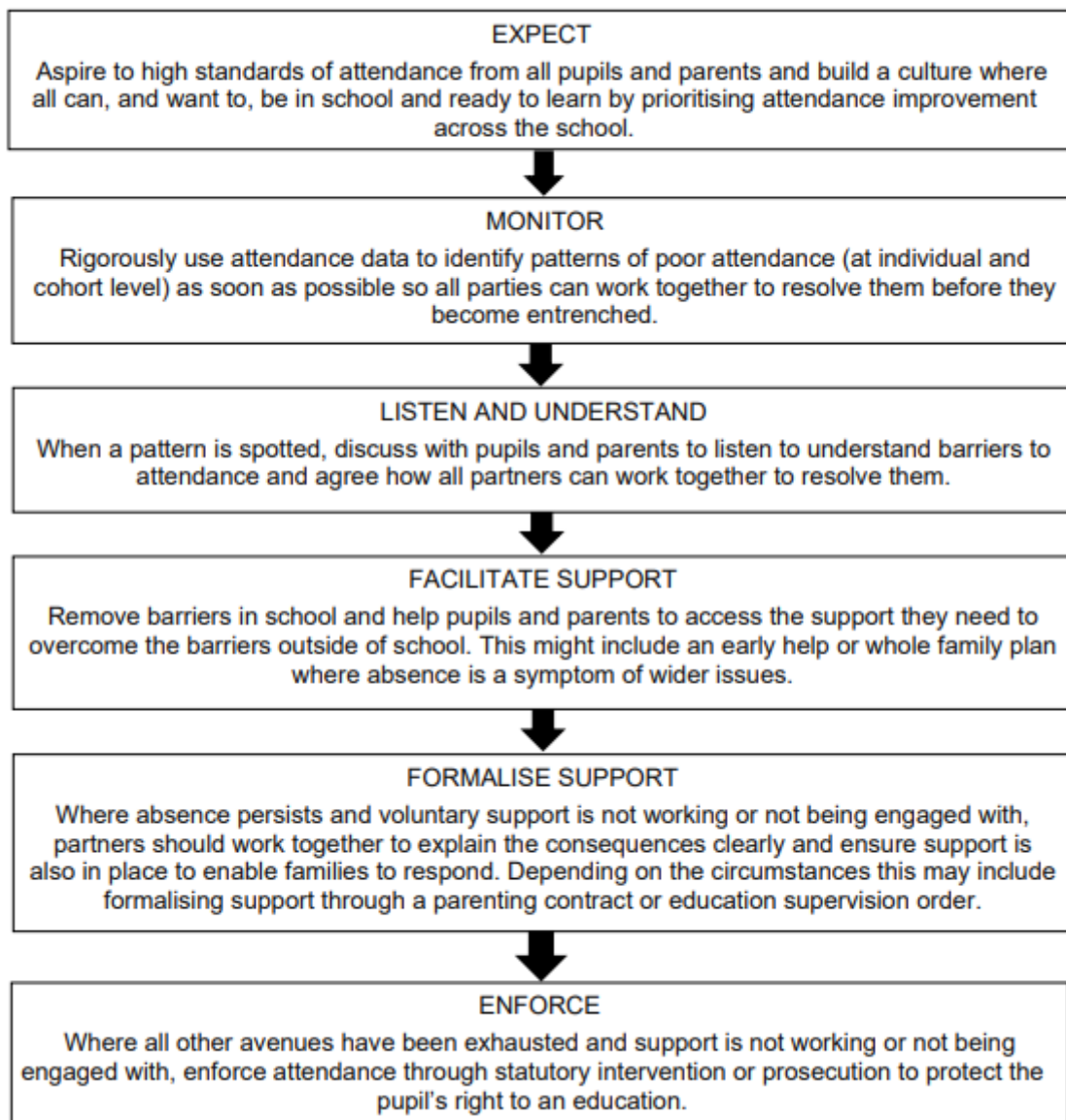
The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 and key stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment. At KS2, pupils not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7%, compared to 3.5% among those meeting the expected standard.

To successfully treating the root causes of absence and removing barriers to attendance, all partners should work together to:



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Leave of absence

Only exceptional circumstances warrant a leave of absence. Schools should consider each application individually taking into account the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind the request.

If a leave of absence is granted, it is for the headteacher to determine the length of the time the pupil can be away from school.

As head teachers should only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday



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It is the expectation at Crowle Primary Academy that every child attends school regularly and on time to ensure his/her learning progresses. The following chart shows how poor attendance can impact on a child's learning and their educational outcomes.

Attendance Ladder



Alongside this letter you will receive a document which outlines our approach at Crowle Primary to promoting and supporting good attendance.

Our attendance policy is currently being reviewed and updated in light of this guidance. This will be shared with parents once agreed by the governing body.

Kind regards,
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