

# Jamia Al-Hudaa Nottingham



## Children Missing From Education Policy

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## **1. Statement of intent**

All children are entitled to a full-time education, regardless of their circumstances. Unfortunately, children missing education (CME) risk underachieving, being victims of abuse, and not being in education, employment or training (NEET) in later life.

The LA has a legal duty to identify when there are CME and help them back into education. This policy highlights what Jamia Al-Hudaa will do to help the LA with its duty.

This policy complies with the following legislation and statutory guidance:

- DfE 'Working together to safeguard children' 2018
- DfE 'Keeping children safe in education' 2020
- DfE 'Children missing education' 2016
- The Education Act 1996
- The Education Act 2002
- The Education and Inspections Act 2006
- The Children Act 1989
- The Children Act 2004
- Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006
- Equality Act 2010
- Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 (as amended in 2016)
- The Education (Pupil Information) (England) Regulations 2005 (as amended in 2016)
- The School Information (England) Regulations 2008 (as amended in 2012)
- The Education (Provision of Full-Time Education for Excluded Pupils) (England) Regulations 2014

## 2. Definition

For the purpose of this policy, a CME is defined as a child or young person of compulsory school age who is not attending school, not placed in alternative provision by an LA, and who is not receiving a suitable education elsewhere. This definition also includes children who are receiving an education, but one that is not suitable; this could include children who are not receiving full-time education suitable to their needs, e.g. age, ability, aptitude, special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

## 3. Why children miss education

The most common reasons for children missing school include the following:

- Failing to be registered at a school at the age of five
- Failing to make a successful transition
- Exclusion
- Mid-year transfer of school
- Families moving into a new area

## 4. Children at particular risks of missing education

As there could be many reasons for a child to be missing from education, the LA will make a judgement on a case-by-case basis. The following list indicates pupils who are most at risk of missing education:

- **Pupils at risk of harm or neglect** – where this is suspected, local child protection procedures will be followed; however, if a child is in immediate danger or at risk of harm, a referral should be made immediately to children's social care (and the police if appropriate). The LA officers responsible for CME will check a referral has been made, and will contact children's social care if this is not the case. Should there be a reason to suspect a crime has been committed or the child's safety is at risk, the LA will contact the police.
- **Children of gypsy, roma and traveller (GRT) families** – when a GRT pupil leaves the school without naming their next destination school, the school will contact the LA. If necessary, the Jamia will consult the **LA named CME officer** for advice on the best strategies to ensure minimal disruption to the GRT pupil's education.
- **Children of service personnel** – the Jamia will contact the Ministry of Defence Children's Education Advisory Service for advice to ensure continuity of education for these children.
- **Missing children/runaways** – should the Jamia suspect a child has gone missing/run away, an appropriate staff member will consult the DfE for advice on missing children.
- **Children and young people supervised by the Youth Justice System** – in this case, LA youth offending teams are responsible for supervising children (aged 8 to 18). Where a young person is registered at the school prior to custody, the school will keep the place open for their return.

- **Children who cease to attend school** – where the reason for a child who has stopped attending a school is not known, the LA will investigate the situation.
- **Children of migrant families** – there is an increased risk of a child missing education if they are part of a new migrant family who may not yet have settled into a fixed address, or may have arrived into an LA area without the authority becoming aware.

## 5. Roles and responsibilities

### The Jamia Al-Hudaa

- The Jamia will enter pupils on the admissions register at the beginning of the first day on which it has been agreed by the Jamia, or the day that the Jamia has been notified, that the pupil will attend the Jamia.
- In the event that a pupil fails to attend the school on the agreed or notified date, the Jamia will undertake reasonable enquiries to establish the reason for this absence, and will consider notifying the LA at the earliest opportunity.
- The Jamia will keep accurate and up-to-date admissions register by encouraging parents/carers to inform them of any changes.
- The Jamia will monitor pupils' attendance through our daily register.
- The Jamia will agree with the LA what intervals are best to inform them of pupils who are regularly absent from school, or who have missed 10 school days or more without permission.
- Where a pupil has not returned to Jamia for 10 days after an authorised absence, or is absent from the Jamia without authorisation for twenty consecutive school days, the Jamia will remove the pupil from the admission register if the school and the LA have failed to establish the whereabouts of the child after making reasonable enquiries.
- The Jamia will notify the LA if any pupil is to be deleted from the admission register in the circumstance outlined in Regulation 8 of the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 (as amended in 2016).
- Students who remain on the school roll are not necessarily missing education, but will be monitored and attendance will be addressed when it is poor.
- The Jamia will provide information to the LA regarding standard transitions.

### Local Authority (LA)

- Under the Education Act 1996, the LA has a duty to establish the identities of children in the area who are not registered pupils at a school and are not receiving education provision otherwise.
- The LA will provide full-time education for permanently excluded pupils from the sixth school day of a fixed period exclusion.
- When it is brought to the LA's attention that a child may not be receiving a suitable education, the LA will serve notices on parents/carers to assure the LA that their child is receiving such an education.
- The LA will issue School Attendance Orders to parents/carers who fail to assure the LA that their child is receiving a suitable education, and the LA believes that the child should attend school.
- The LA will prosecute parents/carers that do not comply with a School Attendance Order.

- The LA will prosecute or fine parents/carers of school-registered children who fail to ensure their child attends school regularly.
- The LA will ensure that children identified as not receiving suitable education are returned to full-time education either at the school or elsewhere.
- The LA will ensure that the school demonstrates prompt action and effective early intervention procedures to ensure children are safe and receiving suitable education.
- The LA will apply to court for an Education Supervision Order for a CME.
- The LA will ensure that children who return to full-time education are appropriately supported, taking into account the reasons why they missed education in the first place.
- Pupils with special educational needs statements, or EHC plans, are able to be home educated. If the statement/EHC plan sets out the provision that the pupil should receive at home, or names a school where the provision will be received, but the parent/carer chooses to home educate the child, the LA will arrange the provision and ensure that it is suitable to the child's special educational needs. The LA will review this statement annually.
- The LA is responsible for liaising and sharing information with other agencies to support children who miss education.
- The LA is responsible for referring to the LA children's social care where there is concern for a child's welfare, as well as the police if there is reason to suspect a crime has been committed.

## **Parents/carers**

- Parents/carers are responsible for ensuring that their children, who are of compulsory school age, are receiving suitable full-time education.
- Parents/carers are responsible for notifying the school in writing where they will be home-schooling their child, in order for the child to be removed from the admissions register.
- Parents/carers will notify the Jamia regarding any absences or changes to the pupils education arrangements.

## **6. Working with others**

- Families moving from one LA to another can sometimes lead to a child being lost in the system and consequently missing education. When a child moves, LAs will work with other LAs, regionally or nationally, to ensure this does not happen.
- The LA will raise awareness of its procedures with local schools, partners and agencies working with children and families.
- To assist them in tracing CME, the LA has contacts with the Department for Work and Pensions, the UK Border Agency and HMRC.
- Jamia Al-Hudaa uses a secure internet system to transfer pupil information when a child moves education setting.

## 7. Safeguarding

- I. For the purpose of this policy, “**reasonable enquiries**” are defined as limited, investigative powers that the school may action to determine a child’s whereabouts and whether they may be in danger.
- II. In line with the Children Act 2004, the Jamia will follow appropriate procedures when carrying out reasonable enquiries, such as contacting other schools or Local Authorities until confirmation is received in regards to the whereabouts of a child.
- III. The **Admin/DSL** will record that they have completed these procedures and, if necessary, make a referral to the children’s social care or police.
- IV. Where the whereabouts and safety of a child is unknown, the Jamia, in conjunction with the LA, may carry out the following actions:
  - Make contact with the parent/carer, relatives and neighbours using known contact details
  - Check local databases
  - Check data transfer systems such as school2school or Key to Success
  - Follow local information sharing arrangements, and making enquiries via other local databases and agencies where possible
  - Check with UK Visas and Immigration and/or the Border Force
  - Check with agencies known to be involved with the family
  - Check with the LA and school from which the pupil moved originally
  - Check with the LA where the pupil lives, if this is different to where the school is located
  - Check with the Ministry of Defence Children’s Education Advisory Service in the case of children of Service Personnel

**NB.** This list is not exhaustive – the Jamia and LA will use their judgement towards what reasonable enquiries are appropriate, once all the facts of the case have been taken into account.

## 8. Admissions register

- The Jamia will ensure that the admissions register is kept up-to-date at all times, and will encourage parents/carers to notify the Jamia of any changes as they occur, such as via email or newsletters.
- Pupils will be recorded on the admissions register at the beginning of the first day on which it has been agreed by the Jamia, or the day that the school has been notified, as the date that the pupil will attend the school
- Once a pupil has been recorded on the admissions register, the Jamia will notify the LA within five days, and will supply the LA with all of the details contained on the admissions register for the new pupil.
- Where a parent/carer notifies the school that a pupil will live at another address, the school will record the following information on the admissions register:
  - I. The full name of the parent/carer with whom the pupil will live
  - II. The new address
  - III. The date from when it is expected the pupil will live at this address
- IV. Where a parent/carer notifies the school that the pupil is registered at another school, or will be attending a different school in future, the Jamia will record the following information on the admissions register:
  - V. The name of the new school
  - VI. The date when the pupil first attended, or is due to attend, that school
- Parents/carers are able to elect to educate their children at home, and will subsequently withdraw them from the Jamia. This can happen at any time, unless the pupil is subject to a School Attendance Order. If a parent/carer notifies Jamia Al-Hudaa, the student will be deleted from our admission register and inform the LA.



## 9. Removing a student from Admission Register

1. Jamia Al-Hudaa will inform the LA of any pupil who will be deleted from the admission register where they:

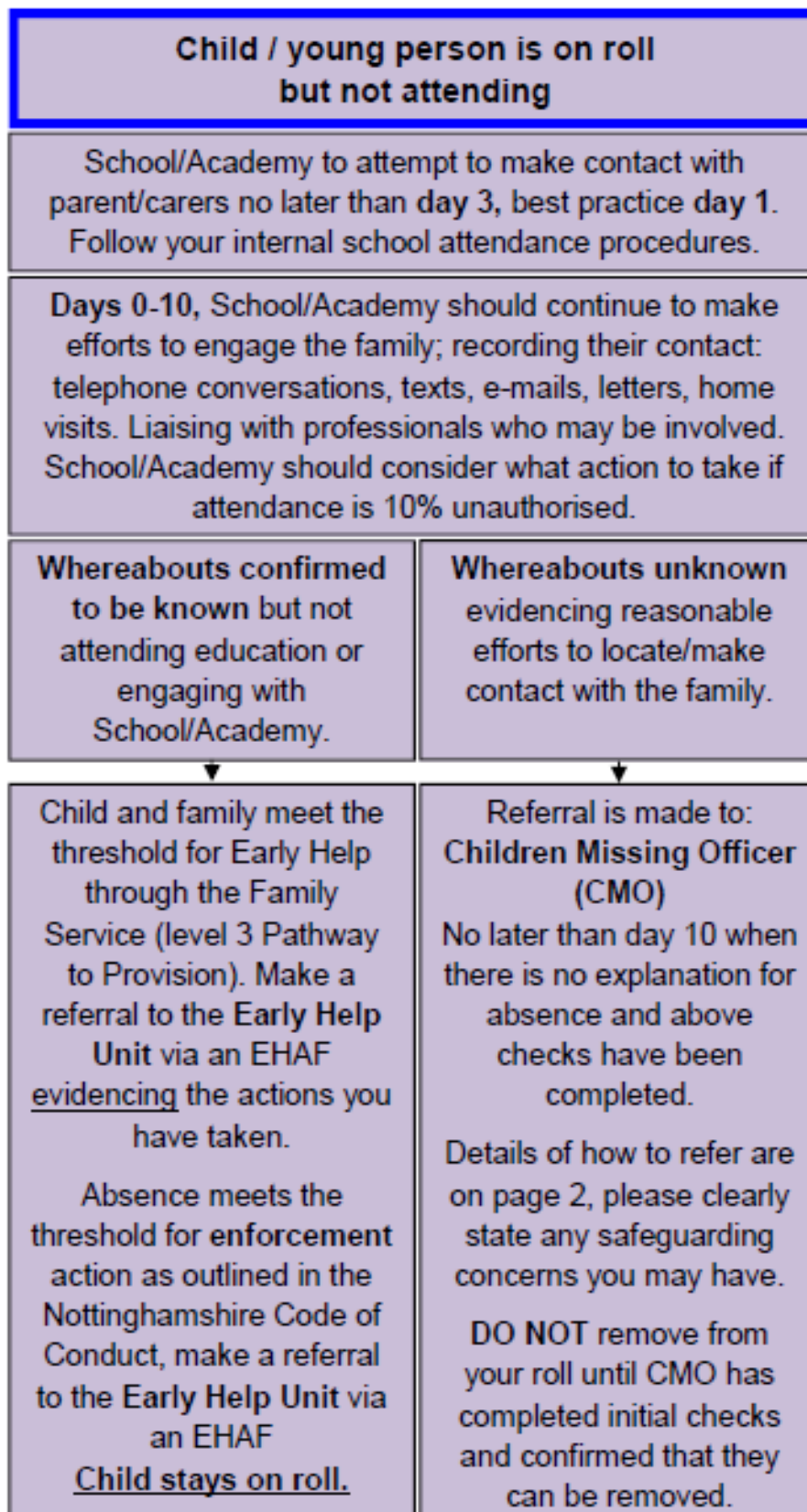
- Have been taken out of the Jamia by their parents/carers and are being educated outside the school system, e.g. home-schooled.
- Have ceased to attend the Jamia and no longer live within a reasonable distance of the Jamia.
- Have been certified by the Jamia medical officer as unlikely to be in a fit state of health to attend the Jamia before ceasing to be of compulsory school age, and neither he/she nor his/her parent/carer has indicated the intention to continue to attend the Jamia before ceasing to be of compulsory school age.
- Are in custody for a period of more than four months due to a final court order, and the Jamia does not reasonably believe they will be returning at the end of that period.
- Have been permanently excluded.
- Have died.
- Have been registered at another school where it is not indicated this should be the case.
- Are registered at more than one school, but have failed to attend the Jamia and the proprietor of any other schools concerned have consented to the deletion.
- Have been granted authorised leave but have failed to attend school within 10 school days after the period of authorised absence ended, and:
  - There is reason to believe the pupil is not unable to attend school.
  - The LA and school are unable to determine the pupil's whereabouts after making joint reasonable enquiries.
- Have been continuously absent from school for a period of not less than 20 school days, and:
  - The absence was not authorised.
  - There is reason to believe the pupil is not unable to attend school.
  - The LA and school is unable to determine the pupil's whereabouts after making joint reasonable enquiries.

- Will cease to be of compulsory school age before the school next meets, and the relevant person has indicated the student will not attend the school, or, the student does not meet the academic entry requirements for sixth form.
  - The student was admitted to receive nursery education and since completion has not transferred to Reception, or a higher class, at the school.
  - The pupil is a boarder at the Jamia, and charges for such are payable to the parent/carer, but they remain unpaid.
2. The Jamia will notify the LA that a pupil is to be removed from the admissions register as soon as any of the above criteria are met and no later than the time at which the pupil's name is actually removed.
3. If a pupil's name is to be removed from the admissions register, the Jamia will provide the LA with the following information:
- The full name of the student
  - The full name and address of any parent/carer with whom the pupil lives
  - At least one telephone number of the parent/carer with whom the student lives
  - The full name and address of the parent/carer who the pupil is going to live with and the date the student is expected to start living there, if applicable
  - The name of the pupil's new school and their expected start date, if applicable
  - The grounds for removal from the admissions register under Regulation 8 of the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 (as amended), as outlined in this policy.

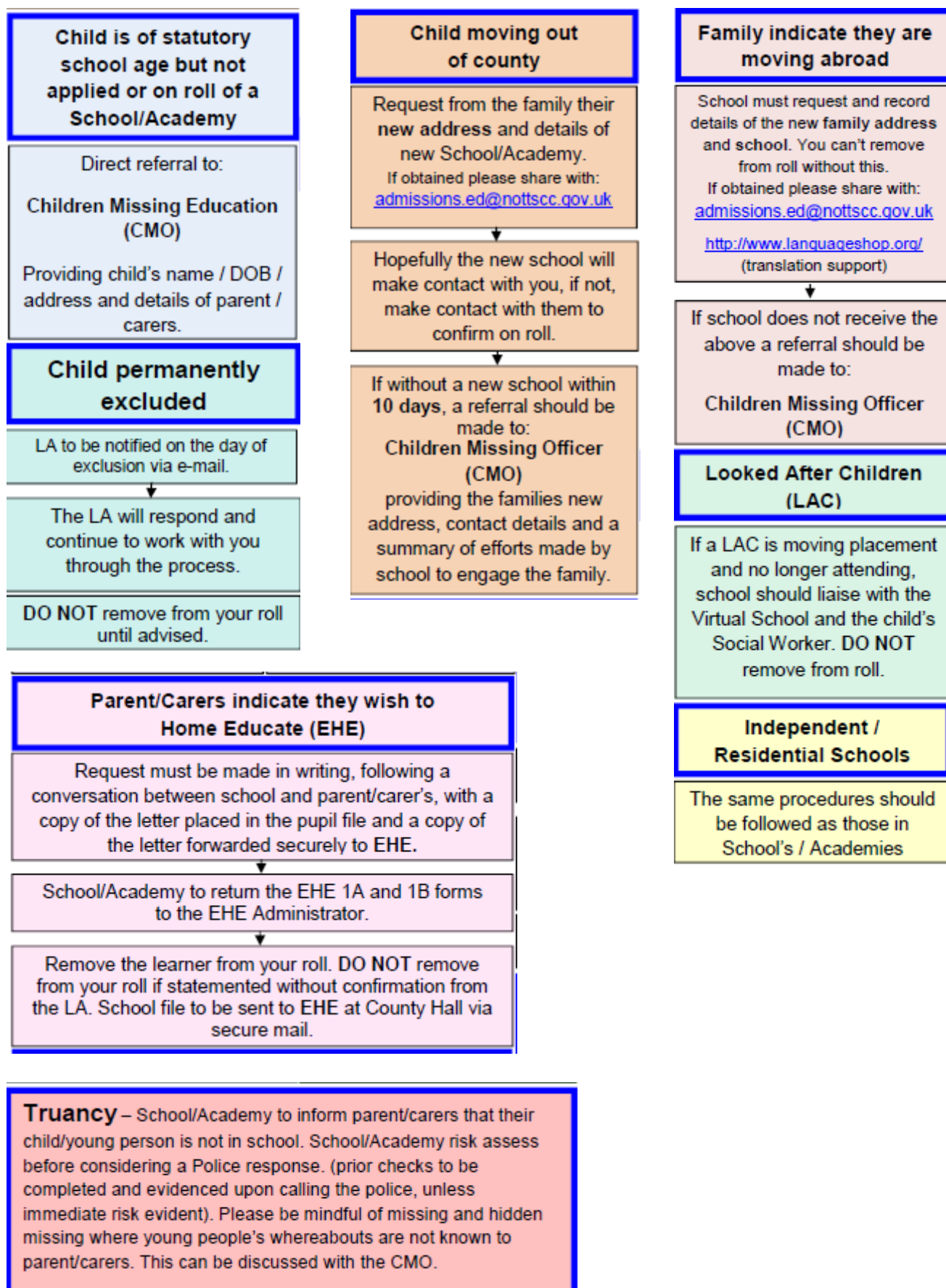
## **10. Policy review**

This policy is reviewed every year by the **SLT** and approved by the **Trustees**.  
The next scheduled review date for this policy is **September 2019**.

## Appendix 1 – LA Guidance – on roll but not attending



## Appendix 2 – LA Guidance – other key aspects



## Appendix 3 – LA Guidance – removing a child from roll/contacts/Useful Links

**PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE A CHILD FROM YOUR ROLL UNLESS YOU HAVE RECORDED AND SHARED THE FOLLOWING WITH THE LA:**

- the full name of the pupil,
- the full name and address of any parent with whom the pupil normally resides,
- at least one telephone number of the parent,
- the pupil's future address and destination school, if applicable, and
- **the ground in regulation 8 under which the pupil's name is to be removed from the admission register (see Annex A).** This will need to be clearly recorded when updating your systems as you will need to inform the LA.

**All other deletions breach statutory guidance**

### Useful links:

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/schoolsportal/local-authority/attendance>  
(Nottinghamshire Schools Portal)

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/childrens-social-care/nottinghamshire-childrens-trust/pathway-to-provision>  
(P2P)

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/media/109754/factsheet-summer-born-final-2.pdf>  
(Summer Born)

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/550416/Children\\_Missing\\_Education\\_-\\_statutory\\_guidance.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/550416/Children_Missing_Education_-_statutory_guidance.pdf)  
(CME)

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/childrens-social-care/nottinghamshire-childrens-trust/pathway-to-provision/early-help-assessment-form>  
(EHAF)

## **Appendix 3 – LA Guidance – Contacts**

**We all have a responsibility for a child's attendance, speak to a service, do not assume that somebody else will be dealing with it!**

**For missing children please refer to:**

[http://www.proceduresonline.com/nottinghamshire/scb/user\\_controlled\\_lcms\\_area/uploaded\\_files/Children%20Missing%20from%20Care%20and%20Home%20Joint%20protocol.pdf](http://www.proceduresonline.com/nottinghamshire/scb/user_controlled_lcms_area/uploaded_files/Children%20Missing%20from%20Care%20and%20Home%20Joint%20protocol.pdf)

### **Health Related Education Team**

01623 799157

[hretoffice@fountaindale.notts.sch.uk](mailto:hretoffice@fountaindale.notts.sch.uk)

### **Elective Home Education (EHE)**

01159 772 573

[EHE@nottsccl.gov.uk](mailto:EHE@nottsccl.gov.uk)

### **Exclusions**

[exclusions.ed@nottsccl.gov.uk](mailto:exclusions.ed@nottsccl.gov.uk) (perm)

[fixedterm.exclusions@nottsccl.gov.uk](mailto:fixedterm.exclusions@nottsccl.gov.uk)

### **Children Missing Officer (CMO)**

(Glen Scruby)

0115 804 1045

[glen.scruby@nottsccl.gov.uk](mailto:glen.scruby@nottsccl.gov.uk)

### **Early Help Unit (EHU)**

0115 804 1248

[early.help@nottsccl.gov.uk](mailto:early.help@nottsccl.gov.uk)

### **School Admissions (school use only)**

0115 804 1237

[admissions.ed@nottsccl.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.ed@nottsccl.gov.uk)

### **Register Queries (Family Service)**

South: 0115 854 6438

North: 0115 804 1591

West: 0115 804 1578

### **Traveller Advice (not referrals)**

[safercommunities.cc@nottsccl.gov.uk](mailto:safercommunities.cc@nottsccl.gov.uk)

### **Fair Access**

0115 977 3225

[fairaccess@nottsccl.gov.uk](mailto:fairaccess@nottsccl.gov.uk)

### **Virtual School – Looked After Children (Sue Denholm)**

0115 804 0644

[virtual.schools@nottsccl.gov.uk](mailto:virtual.schools@nottsccl.gov.uk)

**MASH – Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub**

For children at risk of or actual harm.

0300 500 80 90

[Mash.Safeguarding@nottscg.gov.uk](mailto:Mash.Safeguarding@nottscg.gov.uk)

**Integrated Children's Disability Service  
(incl EHCP process)**

0115 804 1275

[ICDS.Duty@nottscg.gov.uk](mailto:ICDS.Duty@nottscg.gov.uk)

**Education Psychology Service**

0115 804 0828

**Whole School Safeguarding and  
Designated Person Training**

[safeguarding.training@nottscg.gov.uk](mailto:safeguarding.training@nottscg.gov.uk)

**Local Authority Designated Officer  
(LADO) (Eva Callaghan)**

0115 804 1272

**Customer Service Centre** including

school apps, appeals, transport

0300 500 80 80

**Tackling Emerging Threats to Children** (CSE, online grooming, internet safety, bullying,  
black and minority ethnic children, radicalisation)

0115 854 6440– (please note this is not a case management team and referrals should not be  
made for individuals, this is a themed education programme)