

Attendance during National Lockdown January 2021.

School Attendance.

During this period of national lockdown all schools and alternative provisions will remain open to vulnerable students and the children of critical workers.

Special schools and APs are expected to continue to offer face to face provision for all students, where appropriate.

Vulnerable students expected to attend school. All other students should receive remote education.

Students who are self-isolating or are clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school.

Recording Attendance.

Attendance registers should be completed and absences followed up for **vulnerable students only**, they are the only students expected to be in school. Absence will not be penalised.

- Vulnerable children expected to attend full time. Any absences should be managed in line with your regular practice.
- If parents do not want them attending school, record as Code C.
- Record any other absence with the appropriate authorised absence code.
- Only mark absence as Code X if they are shielding, self-isolating or quarantining.

Schools are expected to keep records and monitor engagement with remote learning. But it is not tracked in the attendance register.

All students not eligible to attend are marked as Code X. This includes non-attendance of critical worker children.

Ofsted.

- The intention is that routine, graded Ofsted inspections will not be reintroduced until the summer term.
- During the spring term, inspectors may conduct monitoring inspections in 'inadequate' and 'require improvement' schools.
- Inspections will not be graded, focus will be curriculum and teaching (including remote education), and attendance, particularly of vulnerable students.
- Ofsted continue to have the power to inspect any school in response to any significant concerns, including safeguarding and remote education.

Full DfE guidance link below.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/952443/210114_School_national_restrictions_guidance_FINAL_14012021.pdf

Education Welfare Service Support.

Education Welfare Officers are contacting their allocated schools to support schools to fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities for all students on their roll. This includes:

- Contacting the families currently referred to EWS who are not engaging with remote learning and/or not responding to school contact. Providing schools with outcome of contact which may include home visits.
- Accompanying school staff to conduct safeguarding visits where staff shortages affect their ability to complete them.
- Providing advice and support around all attendance and safeguarding matters.

For all schools without an allocated Education Welfare Officer:

A Duty Officer is available **Mon- Thurs: 8.45am – 5pm** and **Fridays: 8.45am- 4.45pm** for response to attendance and safeguarding queries, advice and suggestions for support.

Contact details:

Tel: **020 8379 3745**

Email: ews@enfield.gov.uk

Operations Manager, Sharon Clarke can be contacted as follows;

Tel: **020 8132 2713**

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Community Policing Support.

Your allocated Safer Neighbourhoods/Community police officer is able to offer support with conducting safeguarding home visits.

The community police service will conduct 'Welfare Checks' for any family where you have been unable to make contact, including no response to home visits.

If you are unable to contact your allocated police officer, you should contact your local Safer Neighbourhoods Team.