

## CHILDREN AT PARTICULAR RISK OF MISSING EDUCATION

- Children at risk of harm or neglect
- Children of Gypsy, Roma, Traveller (GRT) families
- Children of Armed Forces families
- Children who go missing or run away from home or care
- Children and young people supervised by the Youth Justice System
- Children who cease to attend school
- Children of new migrant families
- Children more at risk at transition points

## WHAT CAN YOU DO

- Remember to ask any parent, carer, child, young person which school they attend
- Contact Julie Whitehead; Education Welfare Officer/Children Missing Education, Tel: **0151 511 7673** at the Local Authority or **CME@halton.gov.uk** to provide details of any children, young people believed not to be on a school roll.
- Report any safeguarding concerns and follow Halton Safeguarding Children Board procedures  
**www.haltonsafeguarding.co.uk**

## CHILDREN MISSING EDUCATION INFORMATION FOR PROFESSIONALS

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Local Authorities have a legal duty to identify, as far as it is possible to do so, children missing education and get them back into education.

## **Children Missing Education (CME) are at significant risk of:**

- Underachieving
- Being victims of abuse
- Becoming NEET (not in employment, education or training)
- Becoming victims of child sexual exploitation
- Involvement in criminal or gang-related activity.

## **Parent Responsibilities**

Parents have a duty to ensure that their children of compulsory school age are receiving an efficient full time education. Some parents may choose to educate their children at home.

## **School's Duties**

- Monitor student attendance through daily registers and take steps to address poor attendance
- Advise the Local Authority of pupils that are regularly absent from school

- Advise the Local Authority of pupils absent from school for ten days without explanation
- Advise the Local Authority of any pupils deleted from the school register where the destination of the pupil is unknown.
- Schools have a safeguarding duty under section 175 of the Education Act 2002 and as part of this should investigate any absences from school
- Schools should arrange full time education for pupils subject to fixed term exclusion of more than 5 days.