

Helps keep children safe and well

The education welfare service has a duty to support schools to trace children who are missing from education. These are children who:

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

Every school in the East Riding of Yorkshire has a named education welfare officer who is available to support parents and young people. They can be contacted either direct via your child's school or in the information on the back of this leaflet.



"The welfare of the child is paramount"
– The Children Act 1989

Further Information

For further information on any aspects of the work of the education welfare service, contact:

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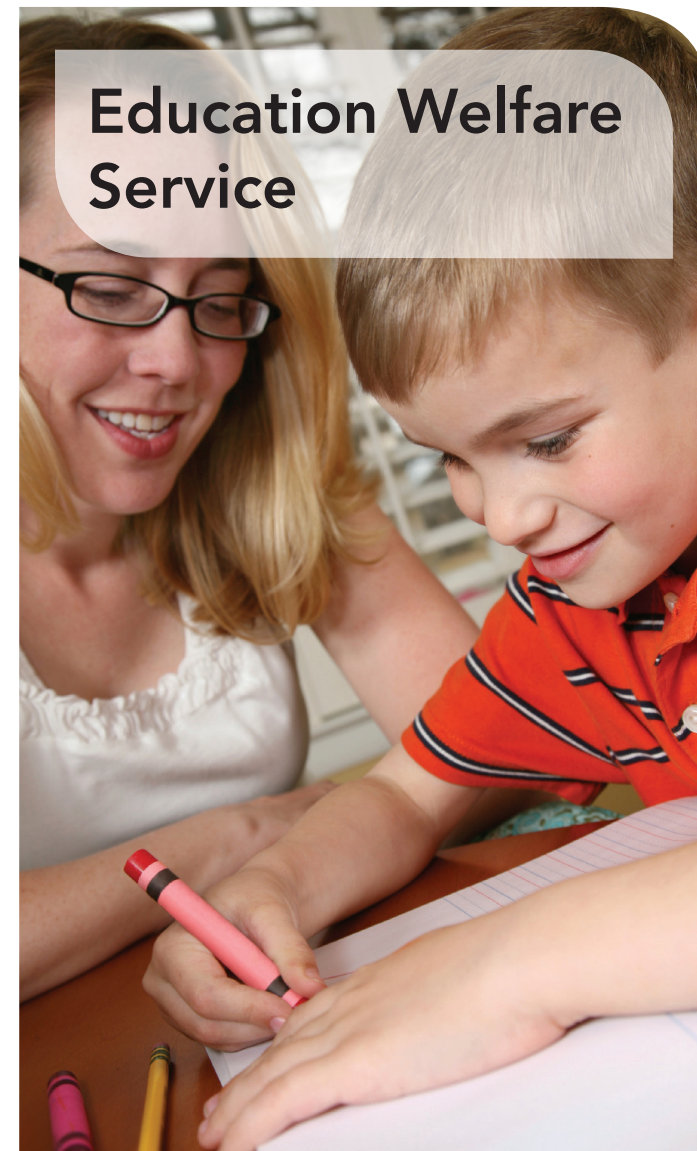
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An overview of services and support provided



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The principal aim of the education welfare service is to work in partnership with pupils, parents, schools and other agencies to maximise the school attendance of children and young people.

The service does this by having education welfare officers available to support parents and young people in order that young people can reach their academic potential by attending school regularly. However, if parents or those who provide day to day care are not supporting good attendance, the education welfare service can use their statutory powers to issue penalty notices for unauthorised school absences or take parents to court to secure improvements.

The education welfare service also:

Provides support to parents

Being a parent is rewarding but can be frustrating at times. When your child is experiencing difficulties this job becomes harder and you may need to try new strategies. 'If you always do what you have always done, you will always get what you have always got.'

The education welfare service has specially trained officers to support parents to manage and change difficult behaviour.



Promotes and monitors the safety of children and young people in employment and entertainment

Part time work can teach young people many valuable lessons and skills but we must ensure that they are not exploited or unsafe.

Children can work limited hours in restricted jobs from the age of 13.

Employers must have a work permit for each child they employ. These are provided by the education welfare service.

Children can take part in a variety of performances but there are limitations on times and duration. Most children who perform will require a licence and a chaperone. The education welfare service is responsible for licensing children to perform and licensing chaperones.

Supports the education of pregnant school girls and school age parents

Being a pregnant school girl or a school aged parent is difficult. As still a child, these young people must continue their compulsory education. The education welfare service has a specialist worker to support these young people.

Monitors and supports the education provided by parents who electively home educate

Parents have to ensure their child receives efficient and suitable full time education whilst they are of compulsory school age. Most parents achieve this by sending their child to school, however, some parents decide to educate their child at home. If you decide to home educate your child you are responsible for providing your child's education and for any costs involved. You must also satisfy the education welfare service that you are providing a good standard of education.

Supports the education of children looked after by the local authority

The education welfare service has specialist officers who ensure that all children and young people who are looked after by East Riding of Yorkshire Council are able to access a suitable education that is monitored and reviewed regularly.