



Governor Link Visit Record

Governor Link Area	Attendance
Governor/s	Helen Robinson
Staff	Jane Wainwright
Date	17/10/2025

Agenda and findings

To discuss the ongoing whole school approach to improving attendance.

Discussion and challenge

All standard procedures are still in place, but we are still seeing a decline in attendance figures. It is hard to pinpoint exactly why. The usual issues persist with core families despite myriad interventions and ongoing support and encouragement from school.

The latest national figure available (to 26/09) stand at 95.76%; our figure to the same date is 95.5% so we are broadly in line with the national picture, but school remains dissatisfied with the position. Unauthorised absence remains high (school 2.3%, national 1.3%) but that is because of the school's robust stance on this. The school has never imposed fines for poor attendance but, given the position and the general downward trend in attendance stats, advice is being sought from the LA in this regard.

The only year group in school currently bucking the downward trend is nursery. In 23/24 attendance was at 88.6%, 25/26 figures show a marked improvement of 93.1%. The only leverage has here is advising parents that their child will lose their place if they do not attend.

Is greater Cluster intervention working?

Jane advised that outside agencies are not proving to be particularly helpful. Of the families referred, only two accepted help from the Cluster and, ultimately, stopped engaging with them so no minimal to no benefit derived.



Is the new coding affecting attendance stats?

Jane will review the coding half termly to see if there are any particular trends but, overall explaining why our stats continue to worsen is very difficult, especially given the whole school approach to attendance. Daily processes will continue, and new approaches will be considered where possible but it is hard to see where the school can actually do more.

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