

Addendum to the policy

Lowton Church of England High School – Attendance information from September 2020

Lowton C of E High School understands that there has been a huge impact on children and young people's social, emotional and educational wellbeing over recent months as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The government guidelines from September 2020 is to reintroduce compulsory education for all children aged 5-16. Lowton C of E High school understands that every child is different and may need additional support to return to school. Whilst we understand school attendance will be compulsory from September 2020, as a school want to ensure that each child's individual needs are taken into consideration and a suitable support plan is implemented that is appropriate to their age and ability in order to assist them to return to school.

Advice for parents. If you have any worries or concerns relating to your child and wellbeing at school, please refer to the school website where you can complete a confidential contact form highlighted your concerns. Alternatively if the matter is more urgent you may wish to speak to someone in person. Please contact the school directly on 01942 767040.

Staff – supporting children returning to school

Supporting students emotional wellbeing with their return to school:

Intervene Early – Form teacher - Daily check in's with students. Keeping an eye out for any early warning signs e.g. missing odd days, arriving late, changes in behaviour/mood, negative behaviour in class, appearing demotivated. Raise any concerns with HoY.

Create a predictable/consistent environment. Returning to school is going to be an anxious time for everyone. Where possible staff need to be consistent in their approach to all students. Ensure all information regarding the school environment is communicated at the soonest opportunity.

Welcome the student to school – Be delighted to see them!! Imagine the student lying in bed worrying about school. What could you do to motivate them to want to try? How could you create a safe landing for them? Talk to them and find out.

Enable readiness for learning Getting children into school is only the beginning. Between arrival and learning you will need to prepare them. Allowing student the time to talk with their peers and share their experience and emotions.

Celebrate success – However small, celebrate what's worked