

Reintegration Team

When a child is returning to school after a period of missing education (not being registered at a school/setting) we recognise this can be a challenging time for both the parents and the child/young person. If deemed necessary, the child can be allocated a Reintegration Officer to support their re-engagement with learning as well as support the school in their readiness to welcome the child/young person.

Remit of the Reintegration Team

- Work with children/young people returning to school after a being deemed a Child Missing Education (CME)*,
- Work with children/young people returning to school after a period of being Electively Home Educated (EHE),
- Work with previously CME/EHE children once a provision / setting has been agreed,
- The work will last between 4-12 weeks depending on the allocated pathway of support.

What to expect from the Virtual School Reintegration Team

Often, the request for support from the Reintegration Team will come via the CME officers, the Statutory Exclusion Team, or the Admissions Team, once a school place/setting has been agreed for a child/young person.

If a Reintegration Officer is allocated a child to support, they will start by contacting with the family. If a school and start date has been agreed, they will also contact the school. The following work can be carried out depending on the needs of the child:

- Together with the child and the school, create a bespoke reintegration plan to support a successful transition,
- Capture the voice of the child e.g. what are their likes, dislikes, aspirations etc,
- Visit the family home to support the parents/guardians in getting the child ready to return to school,
- Meet the child on their first day at their new school to support a positive start,
- Work jointly with Social Workers if the child is being support by a CiN or CP plan,
- Signpost parents/guardians and school leaders to wider support services e.g. mentoring provision,
- Support the school in exploring an EHCP if deemed a necessity to meet the needs of the child/young person,
- Support the school in liaising with any wider professional network e.g. SEND, Attendance, Health etc
- Work alongside other services to deliver a joint reintegration plan e.g. Services for Young People, SEND SAS.

Want to know more?

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