

## How We Can Help

We recognise returning to school after significant amounts of time off has been challenging for some young people (and parents/carers!). To this end, our Early Help Offer extends to families where there are instances of 'persistent absence' (90% or below). Often in these cases, the issues are more complex and cannot be resolved through a one off intervention. As a school, we can offer the following:

- Mentoring and support from Our Inclusion and Safeguarding Officer, Ms Cleland.
- Mentoring and support from our Wellbeing Officer (Mrs Mound)
- Mentoring and support from Malachi (external service)
- Early help referrals to the local authority
- Reduced timetables (these are always time bound)
- Referral to our Educational Psychology Service
- A hub pass (this is time bound)
- Referral to appropriate specialist, external services.

In the most challenging cases, when all other intervention has been ineffective, we can look at modified timetables, alternative provision and managed moves. We want to work with you to provide the support your young person/people need.

The government also recognise the new challenges we are facing in terms of school attendance. Please read the following report for further information:

[Securing good attendance and tackling persistent absence - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/612222/Securing-good-attendance-and-tackling-persistent-absence.pdf)