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- **Manchester Children's Information Service**
0800 083 7921
www.manchester.gov.uk/children/parents
– for copies of tip sheets and other leaflets, parenting courses and local services/events
- **Parentlineplus**
0808 800 2222
www.parentlineplus.org.uk
- www.bbc.co.uk/parenting
- www.parentscentre.gov.uk
- **School Attendance Improvement Service**
0161 234 7178
- **Advisory Centre for Education** 0808 800 5793
www.ace-ed.org.uk



Visit your local library for more information and access to the internet

For more information and support, you could try talking to your:

- CHILD'S TEACHER
- SCHOOL NURSE
- GP

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TIP SHEET FOR PARENTS OF 11+ YEAR OLDS

Keeping your child in school



Whatever your child's age, it's your job to make sure they go to school.

Missing school means **missing out** on learning and social life – and it harms young people's long term **opportunities**.

Young people out of school are **vulnerable** and easily get into trouble.

Young people may start missing school for many reasons – but the more they miss, the harder it is to go back.



Take problems seriously and try to help.

KNOW THE LAW!
If your child is between 5 and 16 years old and is a registered pupil at a school, it is your **legal responsibility** to make sure they attend regularly.

In this leaflet, the term 'parent' includes carers, such as grandparents, foster carers or step-parents



This tip sheet is one of a range of resources produced as part of Manchester's Parenting Strategy.

Why does school matter?

LEARNING

It is very important for young people to attend school regularly. They learn new information all the time. Missing lessons makes it hard to understand new subjects. If they can't keep up they will feel less confident in school.

CONFIDENCE & ACHIEVEMENT

Whatever your child's abilities, giving up on school will make them feel a failure and less able to achieve what they want.

FRIENDS AND SOCIAL LIFE

Friendships and everyday social life are very important to older children and teenagers.

When a young person is out of school, they become less important to their peer group – and they don't fit in when they go back.

TAKE YOUR HOLIDAYS IN THE HOLIDAYS!

Holidays in term time give out the message that school doesn't matter.



WHY DO SOME CHILDREN MISS SCHOOL?

- problems with friends and bullying
- feeling that they're different or don't fit in
- learning or behaviour problems
- stress about exams and achievement
- problems in the family

SAFETY

Young people out of school are very vulnerable. No one knows where they are or who they are with.

They are at risk of being harmed or exploited by others, of getting involved in crime and of alcohol or drug abuse.

If you want them to be safe, do everything you can to keep them in school.

SHOW THEM SCHOOL MATTERS

- **Expect** them to go to school every day and on time.
- **Help** them learn to be organised – set them a good example.
- **Try not** to make dentist or doctors' appointments in school time.

Working with your child's school

STAY IN TOUCH!

Good communication between you and school matters just as much as when they were younger – don't be afraid to get in touch about any concerns. If your child is ill, make sure you tell school on the first day of absence.

A UNITED FRONT!

Your child needs to know you will work with school because it's best for them – don't let them play you off against school staff. Take problems seriously and expect the school to do the same. Tell school about anything important which may be affecting your child.



'ARE THEY TRUANTING?'

If you think your child is missing school without telling you – they probably are. Take it seriously and don't be put off – they need your help. Talk to school early on.

'I CAN'T MAKE THEM GO!'

Teenagers often have battles about getting up and going to school. You're not helping if you give in. Listen – stay calm – but be clear and firm. Tell them about legal penalties for you if they miss school.

YOU'RE THE GROWN UP!

It's good for your teenager if you feel more confident and in control. Ask family or friends for support – or try going on a parenting course.

