

Appendix 1- Improving School Attendance Spotlight Review Recommendations

Rec No	Recommendations	Responsible Officer	Agreed Action and Date of Implementation
1	Develop a borough-wide culture and expectation that <i>Attendance Matters</i>	Jason Picket and Jo Davies	Implemented The department has developed 3 obsessions including 'Attendance Matters for Every Student Every Day'. All learners, of all ages have the right to the best quality of education.
2	<i>Each year deliver an Attendance Matters campaign</i>	Jason Picket	A photography project has been completed with a selection of schools to raise awareness of the importance of school attendance. The images and slogans created by the children will be marketed to deliver a publicity campaign promoting the importance of school attendance – August and September 2023.
3	Establish a multi-agency Attendance Matters Board <i>and</i> an annual Governors' Forum Attendance item	Jason Picket and Jo Davies	Implemented The multiagency Behaviour & Attendance Board was launched in April 2023. A training session on the importance of school attendance has also been delivered to Governor's Forum.
4	Raise the profile of Careers Education and its ability to raise young people's aspirations and motivate them to attend and value school through the Learning Partnership Board and Achievement and Improvement Board	Sarah Platt / Sharon Fryer	The local authority will present on raising the profile of Careers Education to the Learning Partnership Board and the Achievement and Improvement Board, Termly school reviews and achievement and improvement board meetings arranged with each secondary school during the academic year 2023/24.
5	Continue a focus on children's mental and emotional wellbeing through encouraging PATHS rollout and CYPS scrutiny	Sharon Fryer/ Matt Davies	In addition to encouraging schools to participate in the PATHS programme through information sessions and sharing of good practice at the Learning Partnership Board, the Education and Learning Service will continue to support schools with events such as the Mental Health and Wellbeing Festival and the Therapeutic Schools Award.
6	Continue to monitor attendance through reports to Scrutiny, including a focus on persistent absenteeism and the work of the Council and partners in supporting families who experience this issue	Jason Picket and Jo Davies	Attendance will be closely monitored during the academic year 2023-34 through the Behaviour and Attendance Board, school reviews and Achievement and Improvement meetings. Dates will be arranged with schools at the start of each term.