



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

HOW TO APPLY:

Referral forms are available from the Raedwald Trust website:

<https://www.raedwaldtrust.com/referrals-admissions/>

and should be submitted by schools to:

referrals@raedwaldtrust.org

WE OFFER:

“Five Day Focus” – five mornings a week per half term

“Friday Focus” – one full Friday per week per half term

**Statistics show that Fridays are the most common day for school absence*

COST:

“Five Day Focus” = *£3,850 per half term

“Friday Focus” = *£1,540 per half term **Includes all mileage within the catchment area. Mileage outside of the catchment area comes at an additional cost.*

WHERE – Countywide:

An “Attendance Champion” can be commissioned by a school for a minimum of one half term.

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WHAT’S IT ABOUT?

Raedwald Trust’s exciting new “Attendance Champions” service has been launched in response to the Government strategy applied to all schools in September 2022. The strategy requires schools to take the following actions:

- *Make good attendance a central part of your vision, values and ethos*
- *Account for attendance in other school improvement priorities and regularly review your approach to improving attendance*
- *Have a designated senior leader with overall responsibility for improving attendance*
- *Make sure all staff receive appropriate training and understand the importance of good attendance*
- *Set high expectations for the attendance and punctuality of pupils and communicate these regularly to pupils and parents*
- *Promote and visibly demonstrate the benefits of good attendance*
- *Recognise children missing education can act as a vital warning sign to a range of safeguarding issues*

What is an Attendance Champion and what is included in the service?

- Schools would be allocated an Attendance Champion per half term
- Schools can commission one of two packages: “Five Day Focus” or “Focus Friday” – see info on left
- Attendance Champions would work with 4-5 pupils at a time to support and improve attendance. Schools would be responsible for allocating pupils to an Attendance Champion. Schools can remove/allocate pupils to an Attendance Champion as required.
- Attendance Champion support includes: home visits, breakfast, transport support, family support to help establish routines and expectations, coaching to help understand & overcome poor punctuality & attendance, well-being support, signposting (e.g. for young carers, families with financial difficulties), daily/weekly safeguarding “eyes-on” checks, weekly progress feedback to schools & access to RT Safeguarding team to work alongside the school
- Attendance Champion support can offer a bespoke “shadowing” service to help train school staff to support and improve pupil attendance.

Profile of pupil: Any pupil identified by a school to have persistent poor punctuality and/or attendance. An attendance rate of 95% is generally considered good; this allows for children to miss 9.5 days across the school year. **Persistent absence (PA) is defined as an attendance rate of 90% or below.**

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