

## Appendix

### Attendance Policy – May 2020

Information taken from DfE guidance – **Actions for Education and childcare settings to prepare for the wider opening from 1 June 2020** – updated 12 May 2020.

No one with symptoms should attend a setting for any reason. Eligible children – including priority groups - are strongly encouraged to attend their education setting, unless they are self-isolating or they are clinically vulnerable (in which case they should follow medical advice). If someone in their household is extremely clinically vulnerable, they should only attend if stringent social distancing can be adhered to, and the child is able to understand and follow those instructions. Families should notify their nursery/school/college as normal if their child is unable to attend so that staff can explore the reason with them and address barriers together.

**Parents will not be fined for non-attendance at this time, and schools and colleges will not be held to account for attendance levels.** Schools and colleges should continue to inform social workers where children with a social worker do not attend.

**Schools and colleges should resume taking their attendance register and continue to complete the online Educational Setting Status form which gives the Department for Education daily updates on how many children and staff are attending. The Department will continue to monitor attendance at early years settings, via local authorities. This is to ensure that we have up-to-date information on available early years and childcare provision during the coronavirus outbreak, which children are accessing it and to monitor sufficiency in particular areas.**