Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

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Solihull Attendance Support Offer 2026–27

Supporting schools to remove barriers to attendance and improve outcomes for children and young people

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council | Education Participation Advisory Service (EPAS)

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Every child.
Every opportunity.
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Working together for better attendance

General Advice and Guidance

Expert support for schools

Every school has a dedicated EPAS Attendance Officer who can provide day-to-day advice, guidance and support on attendance matters.

How we can help:

- Attendance advice and guidance
- Policy and procedural queries
- Attendance strategy support
- Individual pupil attendance concerns
- Signposting to additional services

Family Hubs Attendance Drop-Ins

Accessible support for schools and families

Mondays
Monkspath Family Hub
1:00pm – 3:00pm

Tuesdays
Elmwood Family Hub
11:30am – 1:30pm

Why attend?

- Explore attendance concerns collaboratively
- Identify barriers to attendance
- Develop practical solutions
- Agree next steps and support plans
- Strengthen home-school partnerships

Targeted Support Meetings

Strategic attendance improvement support

All schools can access a Targeted Support Meeting with EPAS.

Where your school's attendance is below the national average, you will be offered a termly meeting to review progress and agree priorities.

Focus areas include:

- Attendance trends and patterns
- Vulnerable pupil cohorts
- Persistent absence analysis
- Strategic action planning
- Whole-school attendance improvement

Available online or in person

Multi-Agency Attendance Triage

Bringing professionals together

Throughout the academic year, EPAS will host multi-agency attendance triage meetings. Schools can present individual cases where attendance concerns remain complex despite support already provided.

Potential partners include:

- Education Participation Advisory Service (EPAS)
- Early Help
- Family Hubs
- SEND Services
- Health Professionals
- Social Care (where appropriate)

Outcomes:

- Shared problem solving
- Coordinated support planning
- Recommendations for next steps

Dates to be published via the EPAS calendar.

Training, Network Meetings and Attendance Conference

Professional development opportunities

Sign up to our EPAS Events Calendar to see when the events are happening. We will be running training, networking opportunities and a conference in March 2027 with keynote speakers.

Opportunities include:

- Attendance training programmes
- Network meetings and peer learning opportunities
- Best practice updates
- Attendance briefings and workshops
- Resources and guidance materials

Attendance Conference 10th March 2027

Featuring keynote speakers, local and national best practice, and emerging developments in attendance improvement.

Key Messages

- Attendance is everyone's responsibility
- Early intervention achieves better outcomes
- Strong partnerships with families make the difference
- Understanding barriers is key to sustainable improvement
- A joined-up approach supports children to attend, achieve and thrive

Contact EPAS | attendanceenquiries@solihull.gov.uk | Solihull.gov.uk

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