



Attendance Policy:
Coronavirus Addendum

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Rationale

Since the government announced the closure of schools on Monday 4th January, the majority of students at Kirkby High School are not attending school and are attending live online lessons. All lessons are delivered via Microsoft Teams and the engagement of students is monitored by the Senior Leadership Team. Where non-attendance at live online lessons occurs, telephone calls are made to parents/ carers to inform them of this, and to offer further support as necessary, to ensure that any barriers to learning are addressed and to enable students to progress in their learning. School has sourced laptops and internet access for some students to enable them to access the work.

Currently, Kirkby High School is open to children of critical workers and vulnerable students. Parents were consulted and given the opportunity to request a place in school for their child, should they need it, to enable them to continue in their roles as critical workers. In the case of vulnerable children, school works with parents/ carers to agree whether their child needs to attend school. For those who have an agreed arrangement to stay at home, regular telephone calls are made via the inclusion team to support families.

Attendance information is submitted daily to the DfE in the form of the Educational Setting Status form, which is completed daily by 12pm. These figures are broken down to include cohorts such as vulnerable students, students with EHCPs and children of critical workers. Whilst this is completed daily, school is also keeping a daily electronic register as per DfE guidelines.

As the ever-evolving situation continues to change, this policy will reflect the most up-to-date government guidelines and will be reviewed accordingly.