



## ImpactEd Evaluation: NEW Report 1

Understanding Attendance:  
Findings on the drivers of pupil  
absence from over 30,000  
young people in England.



### ImpactEd Evaluation

In the 2022-23 academic year, 22.3% of all pupils were persistently absent.

To address this, ImpactEd Evaluation launched Understanding Attendance, a national project helping schools and Trusts to identify the underlying drivers of pupil absence in their settings, and supporting them to assess the impact of their interventions.

Report 1 of Understanding Attendance provides insights on Phase One of the project, looking at attendance rates of over 200,000 pupils and surveys from 30,000 young people during the Autumn term 2023.

**You will also be aware that the DfE is running a campaign to support schools with attendance.**

**Here is a link to the DfE's toolkit for attendance.**

If you haven't already done so, you can claim a £1,200 [senior mental health lead grant](#) to access DfE quality-assured training to help you develop your whole-school approach.

Applications can be made [here](#). Schools might also find this [targeted support toolkit](#) useful.

## MTPT Project

If you have staff returning to work from maternity or paternity leave in [March](#) check out the MTPT Return to Work workshops - fully funded for staff in the East Midlands. More CPD from MTPT available [here](#).



## Changes to Initial Teacher Training



We have prepared a useful document for schools, explaining the changes to ITT which are due to take effect from September 2024.

This document will be available on our website this week and circulated to schools in our next Hub Update.

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## Early Years Stronger Practice Hub

Support for School Nursery Settings from Rachel Mortlock, the first session takes place on 8th February.

Click the image below to open the flyer.



## Inspiring Leaders FREE online twilight sessions in association with Microsoft

The DfE has directed all Teaching School Hubs to support the delivery of ITT ahead of reforms which come into force in September 2024. As part of this strategic role, we are required to

1. collect data on school engagement in ITT and
2. support ITT providers with delivering elements of the new ITT criteria, such as Intensive Training and Practice placements (IT&Ps).

We would ask that someone from your schools leadership team complete the survey by **29th February 2024**.

The survey should only take 5-8 minutes, and your contributions are invaluable in helping us to gain an accurate and complete picture of ITT provision across the region.

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# Know anyone who is thinking about returning to teaching?

Support available from the DfE for people wanting to return to the classroom.

The DfE is offering free support to former teachers, primary and secondary, considering returning to teaching in England.

If you are a former teacher, or you know of any former teachers, wishing to return to teaching, our expert advisers can provide support every step of the way. A return to teaching adviser can help with:

- The application process, such as writing a personal statement and preparing for an interview.
- Accessing courses to enhance their subject knowledge.
- Finding teaching vacancies that are right for you and that suit your skills, ambition and situation, utilising the valuable skills you have developed outside of teaching.
- On-going support in the first few months in your new role.

## [Sign up for a return to teaching adviser](#)

... or read the latest guidance and advice for returning teachers on the [return to teaching website](#). You can find information on a range of areas, such as curriculum, pensions and flexible working.

[Sign up](#)

## Advanced British Standard consultation and events

On Thursday 14th of December the DfE launched a consultation to shape the development of the new Advanced British Standard (ABS) qualification framework for 16 to 19-year-olds.

The ABS will build upon the best elements of A levels and T Levels, forming a new single qualification framework. Students will study maths and English until age 18 and have the chance to study a broader range of subjects set within a new Baccalaureate style qualification framework.

We are seeking a wide range of views to help shape the design and implementation of the ABS qualification framework. Please respond to the consultation by 20 March 2024.

The ABS team are also hosting regional events on the consultation in-person and online over the coming weeks and would like to invite you to attend one of these events. Please sign up and share the events with your networks.

To respond to the consultation [CLICK HERE](#)

To sign-up to an event [CLICK HERE](#)