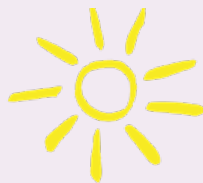




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Educational Neglect



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Child neglect: know the signs - educational neglect

Tackling child neglect is a key priority for us all in Rochdale. Child neglect comes in many different forms and is one of the main reasons for a child being on a child protection plan in the borough. The effect of neglect on children and young people is devastating.

What is neglect?

Child neglect occurs when parents or carers fail to meet the basic needs of a child or young person. Neglect can be deliberate or unintentional and there are different reasons why it might occur. There are four main types of neglect: physical, educational, emotional and medical neglect. If a child or young person suffers from one form of neglect there is a higher chance of them experiencing another form of neglect too.

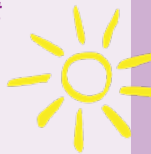


What is educational neglect?

Educational neglect refers to a parent's or carer's failure to ensure their child's educational needs are being met. Children have a legal right to an education and so failing to send the child to school regularly is an example of educational neglect. It isn't illegal to take the child out of school if the parents/carers are providing an alternative educational provision, such as home-schooling.

What are the warning signs of educational neglect?

- *Being absent from school regularly or for long periods of time*
- *Failing to be provided with education out of the school environment such as home-schooling*
- *Falling behind age-related expectations*



Where should I report my concerns?

If you have any concerns that a child is being abused or neglected, or is at risk of harm, call Rochdale Borough Council's children's social care team on 0300 303 0440. If someone is in immediate danger contact the Police on 999.

Don't ignore it, report it. Safeguarding is everyone's business.

For further information about safeguarding children and young and local help and support available visit: rochdalesafeguarding.com

