

## Myth Busters for Attendance!

### What parents have said to us:

The school aren't helping me get my child to school.

School fine parents and keep the money

It's the school's job to get children into school

My child's attendance is above 90% - that's good!

School staff visit our homes to check up on us.

The school makes up rules about how long children have off for certain illnesses.

School are being difficult asking for medical evidence for my child's absence.

Schools are able to authorise holidays if they want to.

### The truth:

We do everything to support you, however, we cannot pick your child up and bring them to school.

Lincolnshire County Council issue fines and the money is not given to schools

It is the parent's legal responsibility to get children into school so they can access full time education.

The government's target attendance is currently 96.2%.

If children are not in school, we have a legal duty to know where they are and why they are not in school. If we do not hear from you for up to 3 days, we will pay a home visit.

School follow regulations set by Public Health and the NHS.

Lincolnshire County Council request the medical evidence for absence where a child's attendance is below 90%

As a rule, holidays cannot be authorised. Ofsted check that we are not authorising holidays.