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**FAST-track to Attendance**

**Invitation to a School Attendance Review Meeting**

Dear «ParentTitle» «ParentLastName»

**Re: «ChildFirstName» «ChildLastName» - D.O.B. «ChildDOB»**

 **Yr «YearGroup» at «SchoolName»**

There have been continuing difficulties concerning the attendance of your child «ChildFirstName» «ChildLastName» at «SchoolName».

To assist you, the school have tried to engage with you to offer additional support such as early help to improve «ChildFirstName»’s attendance and prevent the need for legal action.

In an attempt to resolve issues regarding attendance, a formal School Attendance Review Meeting has been arranged at **«SchoolName» on «AppointDate» at «AppointTime».**

**Use this paragraph for secondary schools only delete for primary school child. If you feel on an individual basis that a primary school child would benefit from attending the meeting with their parents please leave the paragraph in**

«ChildFirstName» should be in school and can join us for the meeting. If «ChildFirstName» is not in school please bring «ChildFirstName» with you.

**It is very important that you attend. We cannot assist you in reducing «ChildFirstName» absence from school without you attending the meeting and working in partnership with us.**

This meeting is your opportunity to discuss any matters of concern. If you would like assistance and support via an early help assessment, please attend the meeting after which an assessment can be arranged.

Regretfully, failure to attend this meeting and further unauthorised absence could result in the matter being referred to the courts for possible prosecution or a penalty notice being issued.

**I must advise that as a parent/carer of a child of statutory school age, you have a legal responsibility to ensure full time education suitable to the child’s age, ability and aptitude and any special educational needs the child may have, either by regular attendance at school or otherwise (Section 444, Education Act 1996).**

Please contact me urgently on the telephone number provided if you are unable to attend. If I am not available, please leave a message and contact telephone number and I will call you back.

Yours sincerely

«School\_Representative»

Job Title