Public Policy Exchange holds regular interactive seminars which provide an invaluable interface for policy discussion, debate and networking. These special events offer local practitioners, civil servants and other stakeholders not only an insight into current policy thinking, but also the opportunity to feed into future development across all areas of public policy.
Overview

Despite improvements in attendance over the past few years, there were 57 million school days missed in 2009/2010, with those affected most likely to be not in education, employment or training (NEET) when they leave school. Conversely, with improved attendance comes better educational achievement and behaviour.

The Government expects every school to have a clearly stated behaviour policy, with the governing body setting general principles and consulting with head teachers, school staff, parents and pupils in developing these principles.

In April 2012, the Government's expert adviser on behaviour, Charlie Taylor, published his findings through the Department for Education, outlining key recommendations to turn around the poor attendance levels of many children.

In a wider context, the Department for Education (DfE) has set out the legal powers and duties that govern behaviour and attendance in school, including the role of the Government. The DfE has also issued guidance and advice on behaviour and attendance, including the use of alternative provision (statutory guidance came into effect from 1 January 2013), and since 1 April 2013 legislation for Pupil Referral Units (PRUs).

Now is an opportune time to consider the powers schools have and need to provide a safe and structured environment that allows teachers to perform and children to learn.

This special symposium provides an invaluable opportunity for local authorities, teachers, headteachers, lead member for children's services, education and training professionals and other key stakeholders to discuss the latest Government thinking and explore how schools can pursue good behaviour and attendance in order to raise aspirations and attainment.

"On 1 September 2011 the Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, made a speech at Durand Academy about the ‘educational underclass’. He was referring to pupils who are outside the mainstream education world who fail to achieve academically and grow up without the skills to become successful adults and members of society. He asked me to …make recommendations for improving the outcomes for these vulnerable children. The starting point… is that the focus of pupil referral units and alternative provision, just as it is in schools, should be about getting high quality education for all pupils and the best value for public money. All decisions around provision should take this as the starting point.”


Why Attend?

✓ Explore Charlie Taylor’s review of alternative provision and funding, staffing and legislation for Pupil Referral Units (PRUs)
✓ Assess the effectiveness of existing school practice and the range of measures being used to improve attendance
✓ Discuss the powers available to headteachers, teachers and other staff to discipline
✓ Consider the roles of local authorities, headteachers, parents, the governing body and schools in instances of fixed-term or permanent exclusion
✓ Share ideas and experiences of primary schools improving attendance in the early years and pursuing good behaviour across both primary and secondary schools

Who Should Attend?

- Local Authorities
- Local Authority Officers
- Education and Training Professionals
- Teachers
- Teaching Assistants
- Headteachers
- Ofsted
- Lead Member for Children's Services
- School Improvement Advisers
- Behaviour and Attendance Officers
- Pastoral Officer/Coordinators
- Pupil Referral Units
- Emotional Literacy Coordinators
- Inclusion Managers
- SENCOs
- Governors
- Education Welfare Officers
- Magistrates
- Social Workers
- Social Care Services
- Directors of Children's Services
- Family Services Officers
- Schools and Children's Trusts
- Early Years Practitioners
- Counselling Services
- Child and Educational Psychologists
- Family Planning Specialists
- Looked After/Children in Care Teams
- Drug and Alcohol Action Teams
- Child Protection Officers
- Youth Workers and Youth Offending Teams
- Community Safety Teams
- Academics and Researchers

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Improving Attendance and Behaviour in Schools

Programme

09:30  Registration and Morning Refreshments
10:15  Chair's Welcome and Introduction
10:30  Panel Session One: Improving Attendance in Schools – Addressing Absence Earlier in a Child’s Life
   • Discuss the recommendations in Charlie Taylor’s review of school attendance
   • Understanding trends in attendance – setting clear, timed targets for schools that have poor attendance
   • Encouraging attendance in the early years – benefitting from the early acquisition of language and social development
   • Parental Sanctions – towards a more simplified system of fines to use and understand for schools, local authorities and parents
   • Effective School Practice – considering a range of measures being used at present to support parents, including walking, buses and home visits
11:15  Morning Refreshments
11:30  Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel One
12:30  Networking Lunch
13:30  Panel Session Two: Implementing the Government’s Behaviour Policy – Empowering Teachers to Safeguard Children
   • Discuss Charlie Taylor’s review of alternative provision
   • The behaviour policy – the role of the governing body, head teachers, school staff, parents and pupils, including measures to prevent all forms of bullying
   • Powers to discipline – the powers available to headteachers, teachers, teaching assistants and other staff
   • Searching pupils for prohibited items – the legal requirements and other key points for headteachers and school staff including the use of reasonable force
   • Allegations of abuse against staff – how to ensure a fair and consistent process for both the child and the person subject of the allegation
   • Exclusion – the roles and responsibilities of local authorities, the headteacher, parents, the governing body and schools in instances of fixed-term or permanent exclusion
   • Share experiences of funding, staffing and legislation for Pupil Referral Units (PRUs) since 1 April 2013
14:15  Afternoon Refreshments
14:30  Open Floor Discussion and Debate with Panel Two
15:30  Chair’s Summary and Closing Comments
15:40  Networking Reception
16:30  Close

**Please note that the programme is subject to change without notice**

Event Details

Date:  Tuesday 28th January 2014
Time:  10:15am – 4:30pm
Venue:  Central London

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Mental Health and Young People: Implementing the Suicide Prevention Strategy 27th November 2013
Recruiting Non-UK Nationals through the Points Based System: Ensuring Your Organisation is Compliant 27th November 2013
Improving Responses to Rape and Sexual Assault: Delivering a Victim-Centred System 28th November 2013
Meeting the Challenge of Dementia: Raising Awareness and Improving Care Standards 28th November 2013
Raising Animal Welfare Standards at the Time of Slaughter or Killing 3rd December 2013
The Future of NHS Commissioning: Implementing the New Structural Framework 4th December 2013
Warmer, Healthier and Fairer: Towards a New Framework for Tackling Fuel Poverty 4th December 2013
Child and Adolescent Health and Wellbeing: Safeguarding Children from Sexual Exploitation 5th December 2013
Strengthening the Education Workforce: Transforming Teacher Training for Every School 10th December 2013
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Community Cohesion and Social Inclusion: Strengthening Partnership Working Between Local Authorities and the Voluntary and Faith Sectors 11th December 2013
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