

**PEOPLE SCRUTINY PANEL
CHILDREN MISSING EDUCATION - ACTION PLAN**

(EXECUTIVE DATE : 8 OCTOBER 2025)

| SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION | PROPOSED ACTION | POST TITLE | BUDGET COST | TIMESCALE |
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| A) Ensure that CME forms an integral part of Middlesbrough Council's Draft Poverty Strategy. CME, and its impact, should be explicitly referenced and included in any performance regime underpinning the strategy. Members of the Children's Scrutiny Panel should be briefed on how CME will feature within the Poverty Strategy no later than January 2026, or sooner if the strategy is available. | Support work to develop the Poverty Strategy, and ensure CME is prioritised within it. To do this we will work with the Director of Public Health to review the Poverty Strategy and determine how to embed CME within it. | Head of Access to Education | None | January 2026 |
| | Review and amend the draft performance metrics to ensure CME is explicitly referenced. | Head of Access to Education | | |
| | Submit a progress report to the Children's Scrutiny Panel | Head of Access to Education | | January 2026 |
| B) Ensure that Education & Partnerships are fully prepared for the Children's Wellbeing in Schools Bill, in particular the monitoring of Elective Home Education and the implementation of a single unique identifier (SUI) for children. The Children's Scrutiny Panel should be briefed on the preparations, no later than December 2025. | Once the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill is finalised and introduced, any required changes within Children's Service will be implemented to ensure the LA is fully compliant. An update to these changes will be reported to Scrutiny Panel. | Head of Access to Education | None | December 2026 |

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| <p>C) Establish a Working Group between Primary Schools in the Central areas of Middlesbrough, Education and Partnerships, Stronger Communities and local Councillors to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explore if further assistance can be provided in respect of the large transient community and the issues of school roll turnover. <p>The Working Group should report back on its progress by March 2026</p> | Establish a Working Group between Primary Schools in the Central areas of Middlesbrough, Education and Partnerships, Stronger Communities and local Councillors | Head of Access to Education | None | November 2025 |
| | Consult with stakeholders and understand the nature of their concerns. | Head of Access to Education | | December 2025 |
| | Create a plan that sets out the actions to be taken. | Head of Access to Education | | December 2025 |
| | Submit a progress report to the Children's Scrutiny Panel | Head of Access to Education | | March 26 |
| <p>D) Establish a Working Group between Education & Partnerships and Stronger Communities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understand the nature of the higher rate of CME in the Romanian community. The Working Group should produce an action plan to help reduce this number against the baseline average of 22, at the time of the review. <p>The Working Group should provide a progress update against their action plan to the Children's Scrutiny Panel by March 2026.</p> | Establish a Working Group between Primary Schools in the Central areas of Middlesbrough, Education and Partnerships, Stronger Communities and local Councillors | Head of Access to Education | None | November 2025 |
| | Consult with stakeholders and understand the nature of their concerns | Head of Access to Education | | December 2025 |
| | Create a plan that sets out the action to be taken. | Head of Access to Education | | December 2025 |
| | Submit a progress report on the above actions to the Children's Scrutiny Panel | Head of Access to Education | | March 26 |

| E) An update is to be provided to the Children's Scrutiny Panel that provides assurance to the on the ongoing work of assisting children at risk of permanent exclusion. This should happen no later than October 2026. | Submit a report to Children's Scrutiny Panel to provide an update with regard to permanent exclusions and the impact of ongoing development work. | Interim Strategic Lead for Inclusion and Specialist Support Service | None | October 26 |
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| F) An update is be provided to the Children's Scrutiny Panel on the new Alternative Provision and the restructure of the Inclusion and Outreach Model. This should happen no later than April 2026. | Submit a report to Children's Scrutiny Panel to provide an update on the impact of the new alternative provision, and the changes to the inclusion and outreach model. | Interim Strategic Lead for Inclusion and Specialist Support Service | None | April 26 |

