

Topic Review: Off Rolling**Background**

At its meeting on 17 October 2022 the Children & Young People Scrutiny Review Board discussed their topic review choice for the municipal year 2022/23. After a debate, the Board chose to look at 'Off Rolling of pupils from Schools'

The Review

Members wished to consider the practice of Off-Rolling. While there's no legal definition of off-rolling, the definition within Ofsted is very simple.

"Off-rolling is the practice of removing a pupil from the school roll without using a permanent exclusion, when the removal is primarily in the best interests of the school, rather than the best interests of the pupil. This includes pressurising a parent to remove their child from the school roll".

While it may not always be unlawful, Ofsted believes off-rolling is never acceptable.

Aims and Objectives of the Review

The Board's aim for the review

Aim of the review

1. To consider the practice of Off-Rolling
 - To understand what triggers the process and whether it is a formal or informal process?
 - To establish which type of schools are likely to use off-rolling
 - To establish which kinds of students are most affected by off rolling and understand what happens to them?
 - To establish if there is any support in place for parents, students, and schools during the process.
 - To understand what the local authority and or Ofsted can do about the practice of off-rolling

The objectives of the review

1. To understand the reasons for off-rolling students and why some schools use the process.
2. To establish if parents and students and schools are receiving support during the off-rolling process
3. To understand the role of Ofsted and the Local Authority
4. To make recommendations to the Council Cabinet.

Proposed methodology

The Board will consider written and oral information in gathering evidence for the review.

Witnesses

It is suggested that the Board considers evidence from the following witnesses

- Education Professionals – Headteachers, Teachers
- Parents
- Local Authority and Ofsted

What evidence do we need to gather?

- **Policies and Strategies**
The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006
- **Other information**
 - Any relevant legislation
 - Case studies – the off-rolling process

Timing and Timescales for the Review

The timescales for the review below are approximate.

December 2022	To consider and agree the scoping report.
December 2022 / Feb 2023	To gather the evidence and write the report.
Feb 2023	Consider draft report.
27 March 2023	Agree recommendations and report to go to Council Cabinet. Agree to delegate sign off recommendations to chair/vice chair of the Board.
Date TBC	Recommendations and final report to go to Council Cabinet.