



## **Absence Management**

CEAL is committed to the support of learners and their families and will encourage learners to attend sessions as planned. Attendance rates are extremely high and we are proud of the fact that learners strive hard to attend their sessions.

### **Reasons for absence**

There are several reasons why a learner does not attend sessions including:

- ill health
- issues with transport
- learner unable to get up in time for an early session
- School using the session as a 'treat' and refusing to allow learners to attend as a punishment.

It is not acceptable for schools to prevent learners from attending as a punishment for unacceptable behaviour in the classroom. This goes against everything that we are trying to do with equine assisted learning and it should be made clear to the school at the outset that this is not acceptable. We are not able to help these learners unless they come to sessions.

### **Response to absence**

Talking to the learner / support worker / carer about the absence and finding out more details.

Organising sessions at different times to enable learners to attend. For example, beginning sessions at 10 am to encourage young people to arrive on time. Ensuring that schools and other educational establishments realise that attendance is not a 'treat' and that learners must attend all sessions even if their behaviour has been unacceptable at school.

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