

A qualitative exploration of school attendance problems in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK

- School attendance problems (SAPs) refer to different types of absences from school that are considered to have problematic outcomes for children.

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Objective

This study aimed to provide a foundational understanding of the

Demographics

Parents

Children

EPs



Results

Support for SAP

"Her school have been great. Her mentor and SENCO did home visits before each return to school in order to prepare her for any changes." .

"In an ideal world someone removed from family to talk to when I have driven away with her screams ringing in my ears would be really beneficial (and unrealistic!)."

Conclusions and next steps

- Three higher order themes were identified from the surveys; Presentation of SAP, Contributors of SAP and experience of support for SAP.
- We are currently following up the surveys with qualitative interviews which were informed by the surveys (22 interviews with EPs and parents are being analysed)
- These results will inform the development of an intervention which will be co-

Thank you