

## **EDUCATIONAL WELFARE SERVICE**

The EWO is based in the Head of Year Office at Wellacre Technology College and is in daily contact with the Year Heads. In addition, he makes himself available to attend other meetings requested by the school with teachers, parents, pupils and representatives from other agencies.

A significant proportion of EWO time is taken up with dealing with the often complex reasons underlying a boy's reluctance to attend school and with formulating strategies that enable parents and carers to carry out their legal responsibility of ensuring that their son attends school.

In addition to school attendance issues, the EWO is involved with exclusions from school, admissions, transfers, long-term illness, child employment and SEN pupils.

The EWO can be approached about any problem having an impact on a boy's welfare and, if unable to give direct help, can advise on referral to the most appropriate service or agency.

Any member of staff who has concerns about the welfare of a boy may approach the EWO through arrangement with the Head of Year.

The EWO is a useful link between home and school. Parents and pupils are frequently interviewed in their homes and information gathered on such visits can often prove useful to resolve difficulties in school.

Teachers, parents and boys can use the EWO as an independent listener and can share their concerns in confidence.

All work carried out by the EWO is of a supportive nature to try to ensure that each boy at Wellacre reaches his own potential in all areas.

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