

MISSING?

When a child goes missing...



STAY CALM..!

Call, text and message your child via mobile, social media or apps. Explain to them you are concerned and just want them home safe.

Check all possible places in your house that they could be, the garage and any outdoor spaces. Ask friends or family if anyone knows where they are.



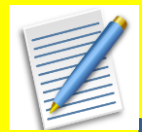
Call the Police on 101 to report your child missing. **DO NOT** call 999 **UNLESS** you feel your child is in immediate danger. Tell them you are reporting your child as missing and give any other information that will be relevant ie. CSE concerns, learning difficulties etc

The Police will provide you with an incident number. Record their name, collar number and ask for the details of who will be dealing with the matter.



Check to see if your child has taken anything like their phone, money or clothes. Look on their tablet, social media and laptop to see if there is any helpful information or if they have had contact with people recently. See if any of their friends have also gone missing. Share any new information with Police

The Police will come out and take a full report, asking for details about your Child, ask to see a recent photo and information like when they were last seen and any reasons that may have led to them going missing.



Keep your phone close to you in case your child is trying to make contact with you and check other ways they may reach out to you ie Facebook. Make sure there is someone at home in case they return



WHEN A CHILD RETURNS



Let the Police know your child has returned as soon as possible. If you have any concerns that a crime has been committed, please report it

Check your child is OK. Stay calm and let them know you are happy that they are back. They may be hungry, dirty, tired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Make sure they are rested and not under the influence of anything when you try to talk to them about going missing.



Calmly talk and LISTEN to your child about where they have been and the reasons they went missing. Let them know that you were worried and care about them and you want to work through any problems together. Try and create an environment where they feel listened to and supported. Make a note of any information they tell you for the Police.



Within 72 hours of your child returning someone (from the Police or Social care) will come and carry out a Safe & Well check.

A Return Home Interview will also be offered to your child to give them an opportunity to discuss the reasons why they went missing and to talk about anything they feel they need support with.

