

# 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