

To make our dreams come true

through our shared Christian Values of compassion, respect, trust, wisdom and friendship

*You are like a tree planted by the water, bearing fresh fruit every month,
Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom. Psalm 1:3*

15th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

This year we are working hard to improve school attendance and need support from the whole school community to achieve this.

For most families attendance is good; but we want to ensure that all children have good attendance. New attendance guidance was issued to schools this year. The Department of Education is keen to ensure that pupils attend school, especially after the past few years of disruption.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1076127/School_attendance_guidance_May-2022_.pdf

Children need to attend school regularly to benefit from education and indeed, pupils are entitled to full-time education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind, and this sadly is reflected in some of our school data. Attendance is a key area of our school improvement plan this year and will be pursued vigorously. As you will understand, sometimes poor attendance can raise safeguarding issues. Poor attendance may lead to penalty notices or further action from the authorities.

Please remember to inform the school of any absence due to illness. Reasons are recorded on the register. The registers are digital and checked regularly by the school and the Education Welfare Officer. As you know, headteacher's can only authorise leave of absence for exceptional reasons.

If you have any concerns or difficulties please contact me. You can also speak to the Education Welfare Officer, Caroline Holt. Her telephone number is 07825 401590.

Kind regards,

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