

TOGETHER WE WILL PERSEVERE WITH ATTENDANCE AT ALL SAINTS'

Dear Parent/Carer

Our goal is to ensure that every pupil at All Saints' School attends regularly. Currently our school overall attendance percentage is 95.3% and we need to get to 96% and above as part of our school performance plan. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT** with raising this by the end of the term.

School attendance has a huge impact on a pupil's academic success starting in Nursery and continuing into Secondary School. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure pupils get to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and in later life.

We realise some absences are unavoidable due to health problems or other circumstances, but we also know that when pupils miss too much school regardless of the reason it can cause them to fall behind academically and miss out on all the social opportunities that school life can offer. Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is persistently absent which means missing 29 days or more over the course of an entire school year. Absences can add up quickly. A child is persistently absent if he or she misses two and a half days every month!!

Clearly going to school regularly matters!

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.

Here are a few suggestions that parents at All Saints' already do and we are keen to share with you to help support regular attendance:

- **Making sure your child keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.**
- **Laying out clothes and pack school bags the night before.**
- **Ensuring your children go to school every day unless they are truly sick.**
- **Avoid booking holidays or doctor's appointments during the school day.**
- **Talking to Teachers and Debbie Mitchell (Parent Liaison) for advice if your child feels anxious about going to school.**
- **Developing back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. For example, calling on a family member, neighbour, or another parent to take your child to school.**

Let us know how we can best support you and your children so that they can show up for school on time every day. We want your child to be successful in school!

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact your child's teacher or a member of the staff team to help you. Deputy and I are keen to have meetings with any families who are at risk of falling into the persistent absence category.

Thank you for your continued support.

Josephine Copeland