



CHRIST THE KINGTHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Attendance

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back into the new term. Following the disruption to education over the past 2 academic years, we hope we will be able to experience a 'normal' school year. With that in mind we wanted to remind you of the high expectations we have around school attendance, and the correlation between good school attendance, a positive experience in school and attainment. In line with BCP schools, Christ the King School also expects children to attend school at least 96%. An attendance below 90% is considered 'Persistently Absent', and at risk of not meeting their expectations, data for these pupils is shared with local and central government.

School attendance remains a real concern, locally and nationally and we would like to make sure we stay on track to ensure that your children, our pupils, have the best opportunity to achieve their academic potential and all-round achievements in school.

Our ethos is to work with parents as we appreciate our goals can only be achieved together; some of the ways you can help us is to:

- Where possible make appointments outside of school time.
- Make sure your child is in school on time
- Only take holidays when school is closed
- Let us know quickly any problems you may be having regarding getting your children to school

There are an increasing number of requests for leave of absence. Please re-familiarise yourselves with the school policy around attendance which is publicised on our website www.ckcps.com. We are issuing penalty notices and seeking legal action against parents, in line with BCP code of conduct, as per the policy. Please continue to use the request forms available from the office.

Our Independent Social Worker, Alyson Hammond-Forge, is available to speak through any issues you may be having in getting your child to attend school. An appointment can be made to see Alyson, via the school office.

Please do let us know if there is any way that we can support you and thank you once again for working in partnership with us.

Kind regards,

Melanie Lord
Head of School