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## ATTENDANCE IN YEAR 6

Dear Year 6 Parents/ Carers

Firstly, we would like to welcome all of our children into Year 6 after what we hope has been an enjoyable summer break. We are looking forward to seeing the progress they make in their final year of primary education.

The Government expectation is that parents/ carers ensure children attend school regularly. Any attendance below 90% is classed as persistent absence and schools are required to take action where they fall into this category.

The national average for attendance (pre covid times) was 95.7% so we set our target just above at 96%. Last year, despite the difficulties Covid caused for schools, we worked incredibly hard to achieve this target. Unfortunately, we finished the year on 91%.

Good attendance is important to us at Bredbury St Mark's, not only does this impact on any Ofsted inspection in the future, but it is imperative to your child's academic achievements. As you know, the school has a legal duty to ensure good attendance.

This year, children sit some really important tests called SAT's. Without your help and support, we are limited in what we can get your child to achieve. We know, as a parent, you will want the very best for your child so we really hope that we can rely on your support this year.

This letter is simply a request asking you to work with us. We know there are reasons for absence but we also know that, working together, we can support children in attending regularly and doing as well as they can which will set them up well for high school. I hope we can work together to ensure that Year 6 perform well with their attendance this year.

Regards,

Mrs Halfpenny

Attendance Lead

