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IMPORTANCE OF GOOD ATTENDANCE

Dear Parents/ Carers

Firstly, we would like to welcome back all of our children to Bredbury St Mark's, after what we hope has been an enjoyable summer break. We are looking forward to seeing the progress everyone is able to make in, what we hope will be, a year with less interruptions from Covid.

You know from recent communications, how much emphasis we place on school attendance. Not simply to "boost our numbers" but because we know children who attend school regularly tend to do better in their learning than those who have high rates of absence.

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.

This letter is simply a request asking you to continue working with us in 2022/2023. We know there are reasons for absences, but we also know that working together, we can support children in attending regularly and doing as well as they can. We trust that we can rely on your support in ensuring your children attend school on time, every day.

Regards,

Mrs Halfpenny

Attendance Lead

