

St Winefride's Catholic Primary

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12<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## ATTENDANCE REALLY DOES MATTER

We have made a really good start to this new academic year with regards to attendance. This is something that we want to continue as children's attainment and progress is closely linked to their attendance.

As parents and carers, it is important that you ensure your child is in school on time and that their time out of school is limited. We appreciate that children become ill and cannot attend school and if are unsure whether your child should be in school, we encourage you to contact our school office on 0151 832 5012.

Unfortunately, we have already seen an increase in the number of families taking holidays outside of term time. Primarily, this impacts upon children's learning, and it does affect our overall school attendance figure. As always, please be aware that no holidays will be authorised during term time.

Further to this, despite correspondence sent out in September, regarding appointments made in school time, there has been an increase in the number of parents collecting children earlier than 3.30pm to attend dental appointments. It is important that dental and medical appointments are made <u>out of school hours</u> or during half term.

Please can I remind all parents and carers that you should contact school each day that your child is absent and speak with a member of the school staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Davies Headteacher

