



## Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School Pupil Attendance and Punctuality Policy 2019



At Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School, we know that in order to achieve our very best, we need to attend school every day, on time and ready to learn. Our school attendance target is 97% and we do our very best to achieve this.

### ***Here are some of the good reasons to come to school:***

- ♥ To learn lots of new things.
- ♥ Being at school every day gives you more choices in life because it improves your chances of getting a job or going to college and university when you get older.
- ♥ Being part of a group helps us to get on well with others and make friends.
- ♥ Taking part in clubs and teams is fun and helps us to play together and get better at what we do.
- ♥ Educational visits help us to learn about the big wide world outside of school.
- ♥ It's the law.

### ***If you don't come to school:***

- ♥ You don't learn as well and will fall behind with your learning.
- ♥ You might get bored at home, develop bad habits and become lazy.
- ♥ You don't get to see your friends in class.
- ♥ You miss out on special days, celebrations, educational visits, school clubs and team events
- ♥ Your parents could get in trouble for not sending you to school.
- ♥

### ***What is good attendance?***

- ♥ At Blessed Sacrament, every child is expected come into school at least 97% of the time.
- ♥ We should always try to come to school unless we are really ill.

### ***If you don't come to school:***

- ♥ The people who look after us telephone school to let the school know what is wrong.
- ♥ They may write a letter on the first day and send it in to school.
- ♥ Call into school office and explain.
- ♥ They may bring a doctor's letter in to school.

### ***Our Attendance rewards are:***

- ♥ Pancakes or toast is given each week to the class with the best attendance in each phase
- ♥ Each term, the class in each phase with the most money in their pot chooses how to spend their money
- ♥ Children in for a full week are given a raffle ticket which is drawn at the end of each term and the winner receives an Argos voucher
- ♥ At the end of each term children who have tried really hard, and have 100% attendance are given a special treat
- ♥ Children with 100% Attendance for the **full year** are specially rewarded

*“Aim high – live life to the full!”*



## If your Attendance is...

97% - 100%

**WELL DONE THIS IS EXCELLENT!**

95% - 96.9%

**BE CAREFUL!**

**Try not to miss any more learning.**

**Below 95%**

**You have missed some important learning and must not to miss any more in order to achieve your best!**

### **Our Attendance Team**

Mrs Christine Woodhouse - Deputy Headteacher and Attendance Manager

Mrs Ann McKenna - Learning Mentor

Mrs Kelly Moran – Learning Mentor

Mrs Gez O’Connell- Admin Assistant and Attendance Officer

Mrs Jane Griffin- Safeguarding Lead

Mr Chris Davey- Headteacher

Mrs Carol Deering - Local Authority Pupil Attendance and Education Welfare Officers, telephone number is 0151 233 3916.

