Blackpool Aspire Academy will strive to provide a welcoming, caring environment, whereby each member of the academy community feels wanted and secure.

All academy staff will work with students and their families to ensure each student attends school regularly and punctually. We recognise that our parents want the best for their children and a good education is the surest means of ensuring that children have the best start in life. Blackpool Aspire Academy equips them for succeeding both academically and socially so that they can achieve in their exams and learn how to make and manage relationships

The academy will establish an effective system of incentives and rewards which acknowledges the efforts of students to improve their attendance and timekeeping and will challenge the behaviour of those students and parents who give low priority to attendance and punctuality.

To meet these objectives Blackpool Aspire Academy has established an effective and efficient system of communication with students, parents and appropriate agencies to provide mutual information, advice and support.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is important because it will help your child:

- Keep up with their work.
- Make the best of all opportunities that are available

The more school children miss the harder it is to catch up. Statistics show that 90% of persistent absentees (those with attendance below 85%) fail to achieve 5 or more good GCSE grades, or equivalent. From our own results last year students with poor attendance did not achieve National Averages on levels progress at key stage 4 and those that had 95% or above made more than nationally expected progress.

Poor examination results limit your child's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable. Good school outcomes are the passport into higher education and better jobs.

BEING ON TIME

- It is important your child is on time
- So they don't miss the instructions at the start of the lesson
- So we know your child has arrived safely in school
- If you know your child will be late or absent, you need to ring the school first thing in the morning to let us know.

Did you know?

90% attendance sounds good and most of us would be pleased if we achieved this in a test, however it means missing **one whole day** of school every fortnight.