



Learning through faith

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Dear parents,

An important aspect of my role as headteacher is to monitor pupil attendance. I fully acknowledge that before Christmas we experienced a lot of different illnesses in school, but am very happy to report a vast reduction in absences due to sickness during the first half of the spring term.

However, we have seen an increase in the number of children who are repeatedly late for school. This is proving to be a problem for these children due to the impact it is having on their learning. Their learning begins as soon as they enter the classroom in the form of guided reading, phonics or interventions. If your child regularly misses these learning opportunities, they are immediately at a disadvantage in comparison to their peers.

I appreciate that families occasionally experience difficulties in getting to school on time and would encourage you to contact school as soon as possible if this is the case.

Please can I ask for your children to be at school, ready to learn at 8:55am. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Pauline Nightingale  
Headteacher



At St Mary's we believe that

choose to be extraordinary!

it is possible for ordinary people to