



Attendance – intent, Implementation and Impact

Intent

St Matthews C of E Primary Academy is committed to the continuous raising of achievement of all our students. Regular attendance is essential if our students are to be successful and benefit from the opportunities offered to them.

Good attendance is fundamental to a successful and fulfilling Academy experience. We actively promote 100% attendance for all our students and we use a variety of weekly, termly and annual rewards to promote good attendance and punctuality.

The Governors and Staff in **partnership** with parents/carers have a duty to promote full attendance and our Academy will give a high priority to conveying to parents and students the importance of regular and punctual attendance.

We recognise that parents have a vital role to play and there is a need to establish strong home-Academy links and communication systems that can be used whenever there is concern about attendance. If there are problems which affect a pupil's attendance we will strive, in partnership with parents and students, to resolve those problems as quickly and efficiently as possible. We will adopt a clearly focused but sympathetic approach, aimed at returning students to full attendance at all times.

Implementation

St Matthews C of E Primary Academy, we offer a safe and supportive environment, which welcomes children regardless of race, gender or ability. We foster a climate where the Academy community, teachers, parents/carers, governors and pupils value attendance and punctuality. There are clear and effective procedures in place complying with legal requirements. Parents/carers are informed about their child's attendance through established procedures. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum that is dependent upon and encourages regular attendance at Academy. Our Family Support Worker has first day contact with parents when a pupil fails to attend Academy without providing good reason. We also take prompt action on any problems notified. Parents are encouraged to make contact with the Academy to discuss any issues impacting on their child's attendance. The class with best attendance and best punctuality is announced in each Friday assembly. Termly and annual rewards for children with 100%, including certificates, pizza party and ice-cream are carried out

Impact

Over the last 3 years with all our strategies in place we have seen an increase in our attendance and a decline in our persistent absence data. We are on an upward projection, and need to keep these high expectations around attendance up, to ensure that we meet our Academy target of 96%.

“Be blessed by God, be happy and aspire to be...”