



12th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

FAST TRACK TO IMPROVING ATTENDANCE

Blackburn with Darwen working in partnership with "name of school"

St Silas CE Primary School and the Blackburn with Darwen Inclusion Team are working together to improve school attendance.

St Silas CE Primary School will now consider using the Fast Track to Improving Attendance Pathway in partnership with the local authority to assist schools and families in managing and promoting good school attendance.

An indication of a student having difficulties is often visible through their school attendance. Our experience tells us that there are a variety of reasons why children are off school. These may include instances of ill health, feelings of being behind with work creating worry, anxiety, lack of motivation due to being out of routine, financial difficulties, parental separation etc.

If we can identify any of these issues at an early stage, it is our aim to ensure that the appropriate support can be put in place for our children, young people and their families.

We know that regular school attendance is vital for children to achieve their full potential both academically and socially.

The Fast Track to Improving Attendance Pathway encourages us to work together to ensure each child's attendance is at an acceptable level and where appropriate enable you to seek support through the school and other services to assist in improving your child's attendance. In essence this is an early intervention strategy aiming to prevent absence becoming entrenched and to enable children to attend school regularly and on time.

The pathway runs for 8 weeks to assist parents in making attendance improvements. Failure to make improvements could lead to prosecution in the Magistrates Court and result in a fine of up to £1000.

Where a family is considered for the Fast Track to Improving Attendance Pathway, we will write to you directly to inform you, and at that point you will receive further information regarding the process.

If you are currently experiencing any difficulties with school attendance, please speak to us at the earliest opportunity to try and resolve the issues.

Yours sincerely

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