

Dear Parents/Carers

BLACKPOOL PUPIL WELFARE SERVICE AND ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ARE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO ENSURE YOUR CHILDREN SUCCEED

Blackpool's Pupil Welfare Service is working very closely with St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School to raise attendance and attainment.

The following information highlights how attendance can affect your child's future progression.

<p><i>Above 97% = Less than 6 days absence a year</i></p> <p>Excellent attendance! Young people who are achieving above 97% will almost certainly get the best grades they can lead to better prospects for their future.</p>
<p>95% = 9 days absence a year</p> <p>These young people are likely to achieve good grades and have good future prospects, however could still improve their attendance.</p>
<p>90% = 19 days absence a year</p> <p>Young people who are missing this much time off school will be absent for almost a month per school year, making it difficult for them to achieve their best.</p>
<p>85% = 28 days absence a year</p> <p>Young people who are missing this much time off school will be absent for almost six weeks per school year, making it very difficult for them to keep up with their work and are unlikely to do their best.</p>
<p>80% = 38 days absence a year</p> <p>Young people who are constantly missing this much time off school will be absent for one full year over the five years of secondary education, making it almost impossible to keep up with work and dramatically limiting future prospects.</p>

As the above information demonstrates, every school day counts and missing any time from school will result in lost learning. St Bernadette's school has not adopted the 'fining parents for absence of school days' but this may be a consideration, by the Governors, if parents continually take their children out of school time.

Please consider the above points when you are making your holiday choices. We look forward to seeing an improvement in attendance throughout St Bernadette's school. If you are experiencing difficulties in ensuring your child's regular and punctual attendance we would be happy to assist you.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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