



All Saints Catholic High School

HEADTEACHER: Mr A. McGuinness

Dear Parent/Carer,

All Saints Catholic High School takes attendance at school very seriously; good attendance is essential if your child is to achieve the best results possible. The foundation of good attendance is a strong partnership between the school, the home and the child. High levels of attendance at school significantly impact upon academic development outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve good GCSE results. 90% attendance is the equivalent of missing four weeks of a school year; 90% attendance over five years of secondary school means a half a school year has been missed from your child's education.

The Government expects pupils to have a minimum level of at least 97% attendance. Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is a parent/carer's legal responsibility and permitting absence from school that is not authorised by the school creates an offence in law (section 444 of the 1996 Education Act). If your child fails to attend school regularly you may be guilty of a criminal offence and could be prosecuted.

Educational Penalty Notices have been introduced, under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003, as an additional sanction to address the problem of poor school attendance. Penalty Warning Letters will be issued from school if your child records ten unauthorised absences (five days).

Absence of five days or more will only be authorised with a medical note or evidence from a family doctor or other medical practitioner.

Holidays during term time will be unauthorised and may result in a fine of £120.00 (per child) reduced to £60.00 if paid within 21 days of the notice.

Improving school attendance is a key priority at All Saints Catholic High School and the support of parents/carers is crucial to achieving this goal. Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely

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