



# St Bernadette's RC Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Summer Term Attendance Monitoring

You will be aware that school attendance is a key priority not only for our school but also for the Department for Education, Local Authority, and Trust, all of whom support us in monitoring and improving attendance.

Good attendance is vital when it comes to a child's progress at school. Recent research shows at KS2, pupils who attended school nearly every day in Year 6 (with an attendance rate of 95-100%) were 1.3 times more likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to pupils who only attended 90-95% of the time. This means missing just 10 days of year 6 reduced the likelihood of reaching the expected standard by around 25%. Pupils who attended nearly every day were 1.8 times more likely to achieve the standard than persistently absent pupils who only attend 85-90% of the time (relating to 4 -6 weeks more time in school).

At the end of the Spring Term, you were sent your child's most recent attendance report. This was sent via email. The report outlined your child's attendance at school since September and notified you which category your child is currently in.

These categories were as follows:

Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5
100%	99% to 97%	96% to 94%	93% to 91%	90% or below
Excellent Attendance	Good Attendance	Attendance is beginning to cause concerns	Attendance is concerning	Attendance is causing significant concerns

If your child's attendance places them in categories 3, 4 or 5, you may be invited into school for an attendance meeting to discuss your child's attendance and how best to improve this in the Summer Term and the next academic year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. K Mills

Deputy Headteacher

