



# St. John's CE Primary School

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## Pupil Attendance

Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you that as of September 2021, we will be working in full partnership with Staffordshire County Council's Education Welfare Service to help maintain regular school attendance of our students. This will mean that an Education Welfare Officer from the Local Authority will be regularly visiting our school and reviewing individual student attendance. Our school will also be communicating any significant attendance concern on a regular basis to ensure that that we can support your child to receive a suitable education.

Following guidance from the Local Authority (Staffordshire County Council), it is our school's expectation that all pupils have an attendance percentage of above 96%. If absence due to medical reasons becomes a concern, appropriate medical evidence may be requested.

Under section 7 of the Education Act 1996, the parent(s) of every child of compulsory school age is responsible for making sure that they receive a suitable education. The definition of a parent (or parents) is the adult (or adults) who have (has) a significant input to a child's life and who is known to have responsibility for that child. The Local Authority has the responsibility for pursuing statutory action against parents for failing to ensure their child receives a suitable education.

Please refer to our attendance policy on the school website for expectations regarding attendance and absence.

As a school we are committed to supporting our families. We want to work with you to explore what we can offer and resolve any issues that may impact on your child's right to receive a suitable education. If you are concerned that there is something that is preventing your child from attending school regularly or they are experiencing any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact us.

It is our hope that by working closely with Staffordshire County Council's Education Welfare Service, we can ensure that all our students are able to reach their full potential through regular school attendance.

Very best wishes

Sarah Stone

*"Every challenge met together"*

