



Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Dear Parents

The school's attendance target for this academic year is 97.5%. Should your child's attendance fall below this target we will contact you to discuss the matter further.

Blessed Robert Widmerpool School works closely with the Nottinghamshire County Council Targeted Support Service and Nottingham City Council's Education Welfare Service to improve attendance and punctuality in school.

From the beginning of this academic year, 2015-2016, the government has reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 10%. In real terms this equates to missing approximately 7 sessions per half term or 38 sessions across the school year. This level of absence will now result in your child being classed as a persistent absentee.

You can support the school, and your child, to achieve this target by:

- Making sure your child attends school regularly and on time
- Contacting school on the first day of any absence on 0115 9152392
- Informing school of any problems which may impact on your child's attendance, punctuality and learning
- Arranging medical appointments outside school time where possible
- Please note: In line with government regulations holidays taken in term time are not authorised. Holidays that are taken in term time may lead to a penalty notice being issued by the Local Authority

It is understood that some absence due to illness is unavoidable. However, it is important school is made aware of on-going health problems so we can put the correct support in place.

If you need further support or advice please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Miss Ferrara
Acting Head

