

17<sup>th</sup> March 2014,

Dear Parents,

ATTENDANCE - Coming to school  
PUNCTUALITY - being in on time

BOTH are vitally important and BOTH are reported on for parents (their responsibility) AND reported to Government through the Local Authority.

So you understand the "Attendance Comments" I've reproduced the chart that was sent out to you in January this year. This time I've included a chart on "Punctuality" (which some parents don't think is important "Why make a fuss, they're in aren't they?")

This is why: Our "Mission" is to give your children the "best life chances" we can in school. A huge part of this is for us to ensure your children are in school every day and on time. From 8.55am we settle the children, explain the day (knowing what is going to happen makes them feel secure). Many children have "specialist" time/attention which, if missed, is GONE. This is such a waste and your children's chance of being the best they can be is harmed. One of the key responsibilities of all of us as parents/carers is to protect our children and give them the best chance to be happy. One thing that makes children happy is to know they are successful and this will be achieved by being in on time each and every day.

<b>% attendance recorded</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Number of children at St Sebastian's</b>
99% & above	Brilliant	83 (39.5%)
98.5%	Excellent	10 (4.8%)
97.2%	Very Good	43 (20%)
96.6%	Good	3 (1%)
95.7%	Pretty Good	22 (10%)
95.4%	Average with room for improvement	6 (3%)
Below 95.4%	Cause for concern	51 (24%)

Lates per year

0	This is what we expect so thank you
1 -5	Can happen - may be good reason
6 - 8	Need to be careful - a worry
8 plus	Poor
15 plus	Very poor - referral to EWO
20 plus	Terrible - referral to EWO