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**“A Christian school with
children at its heart”**



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Dear Parent/Carer

Government Definition of Persistent Absence

As of September 2015 the Department for Education (DfE) announced that any student whose attendance falls below 90% would be classed as a Persistently Absent Student. Therefore, if a student misses 19 or more days over an academic year they will be classed as Persistently Absent.

The DfE says...

“If over 5 academic years a pupil has attendance of 90% the child will miss a half of a school year, that’s a lot of lost education.”

Thankfully over 93% of our current pupils had attendance levels of 90% or above last school year. This is very pleasing and we would like to express our gratitude to you for all your support in this regard.

The school is required to take action whenever a student’s attendance becomes a cause for concern. To assist parents/carers and to ensure they are fully informed, we have therefore decided to issue regular updates if attendance levels fall below 90% at key points in the school year.

If you have concerns regarding your child’s attendance level and feel that there is some way in which we can offer you support, then please contact either your child’s class teacher, Mrs Atkinson (our Deputy Head) or me and together we will work to find a solution.

Thank you once again for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Orr
Headteacher

