



Barrs Court Primary School



25TH November 2024

Attendance

Dear Parent and Carers

I am writing to address an increasing number of absences where the reasons provided by parents or carers do not align with the information we have received from pupils or other sources.

For example, a pupil may tell us they are going on holiday, yet the absence is reported to the school as due to illness. Similarly, we have been informed by other pupils that absences are for activities such as Christmas shopping or attending events like football matches or concerts, while the reason given to the school was illness.

Attendance is a key factor in ensuring your child's success at school, and we have a duty to monitor and promote high attendance levels. Moving forward, if we have reason to believe that the reason provided for an absence is not accurate, we will contact you via text or phone call to discuss the matter. In some cases, we may request additional evidence to confirm the reason for the absence. Please note that where sufficient evidence is not provided, the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

We understand that unexpected circumstances or opportunities can arise, and we are here to support you. If you anticipate any challenges regarding your child's attendance, we encourage you to contact us directly so we can work together to find solutions.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Daniel Webster

Headteacher



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