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Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance Update 2023

Broadstone First School is committed to the best for all of our children and are working hard to improve attendance; good attendance is vital in allowing learners to maximize the opportunities available to them. Under the Education Act 1996, parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure their child receives a full-time education. As well as being a legal requirement, evidence shows that good attendance results in greater success in education. Following the disruption to education in recent times, good attendance is more important than ever.

We are required, by law, to identify and discuss all learners whose attendance falls below 95% and in line with our policy, we will communicate your child's attendance percentage on a termly basis. It is important to know that Government categorises 85% or less attendance as "persistent absenteeism", and 50% as "severe absenteeism". Should your child fall in to these categories, due to unauthorised absence, Mr Holdgate (Attendance Lead) and Miss Megan Pike (Send/Wellbeing Lead) will contact you to arrange a meeting to discuss how, together, we can improve your child's attendance. If there is no improvement, this could result in us instructing BCP to issue a fine. Within an academic year 95% attendance equates to 9 days missed, whilst 75% is 48 days missed; this can have a real impact on your child's academic success.

We have high expectations of our learners at BFS. We therefore ask that you ensure your child is in school on time daily. Arriving on time, means that the children have the opportunity to settle in the morning, catch up with friends, spend time with their teacher and are then in a positive state to learn.

Best wishes

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