

# ST. BEDE'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

*celebrates life and learning*



## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



**It's Time for School!**

## Why is high attendance important for my child's education?

As a parent/carer, you want the best for your children. Having a good education is an important factor in opening up more opportunities in adult life.

Did you know that:

- A child who is absent a day of school per week misses an equivalent of two years of their school life
- 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades at GCSE and around third achieve no GCSEs at all
- Poor examination results limit young people's options and poor attendance suggests to colleges and employers that these students are unreliable.

## Does it really matter?

- Poor school attendance is also closely associated with crime; a quarter of school age offenders have truanted repeatedly
- At least 1 million children take at least one-half day off a year without permission
- 7.5 million school days are missed each year through unauthorized absence

GCSEs may seem a long way off for you and your child but all absences at any stage leads to gaps in your child's learning. This in turn can:

- Mean that they fall behind in work
- Affect their motivation
- Affect their enjoyment of learning
- Lead to poor behaviour
- Affect their desire to attend school regularly
- Affect their confidence in school

Mean that they miss out on the social life of the school and extra-curricular opportunities and the experiences affect their ability to have or keep friendships.

## Why is high punctuality important for my child's education?

Being on time:

- Gets your day off to a good start and puts you in a positive frame of mind, so that you can make the most of the learning opportunities
- Sets positive patterns for the future. You can't expect to keep a job if you are always coming in late
- Leads to a good attendance record and means that you do not miss any of your learning
- Leads to a better achievement because you attend the **WHOLE** of your classes
- Leads to understanding that school is important and that education is valuable
- Is respectful to your teacher and to your classmates. It builds good habits for later life

**It is only one day every now and again!**

### ATTENDANCE OVER A SCHOOL YEAR

If a child has had:

Less than **4 days absent** = **98%**

Less than **10 days absent** = **95%**

Less than **4 weeks absent** = **90%**

Less than **5½ weeks absent** = **85%**

Less than **7½ weeks absent** = **80%**

**Children are only at school for 190 days out of 365 in a year.**

# SCHOOL TIMES

Your child should arrive at school between **8.40am** and **8.50am**

The school opens at 8.40am and children should enter through the door by the school hall and make their way to classrooms. In the event of a pupil's absence, the school should be informed on the first day before 8.30am.

Pupils who arrive after 8.50am will be given the opportunity to make up any missed learning during breaktime.

We know that life does not always go as planned, especially in busy family homes whilst getting ready for the school day.

School staff are able to signpost support for families if there are ongoing non attendance issues, including attendance meetings with Mrs. Tiernan and Mrs. Harrington (Pastoral Lead).

Good attendance is celebrated within the school in a number of ways throughout the year.

## School Matters!



### MISSION STATEMENT

St. Bede, patron of our school, wrote:

*"It was always my delight to learn and to teach".*

We are a celebrating community, living the Gospel Values, committed to educating children in the light of the Catholic Faith.

We journey together so that we

*"Might have life - life in all its fullness".*

John 10:10