



# St. John Bosco RC Primary School Attendance Newsletter Christmas 2017



As you know, everybody at St. John Bosco RC Primary School is committed to ensuring that each of our children gets the best possible start to life. One way we can do this is through ensuring regular school attendance. Evidence shows that children who attend school regularly are more successful, not only in school, but in all areas of life. We hope that you will continue to support us in improving our school attendance by making sure the children are here everyday and learning.

Mrs D. Prayle  
Acting Headteacher



## Missing School Missing Out!

### Lateness

Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over the year. Lateness is just as serious as non-attendance. The start of the school day is an important time for children to develop their social skills with their peers, as well as preparing them for their learning. We start teaching at 8.55am and 'late' children miss out on vital skills such as phonics and/or basic number work.



### Assessments/SAT's 2018

Please **do not book holidays** during May as this is when all of our assessments take place.

### Very Important

**Year 6 SAT's take place week beginning 14th May 2018.**

### Illness

We know that illness is unavoidable and to be expected. However it is very important to inform the school on the first day of the absence with the reason either by phone (0191 5536921).

### Did you know.....

- For every school day missed by a pupil it will reduce their attendance by 0.5%
- Ten whole days of school has been missed if your child has 95% attendance.
- Twenty whole days of school has been missed if a pupil's attendance is 90%.
- By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance) they have missed 6 weeks of school or half a term of schooling.

### Autumn Term's Attendance:

Reception	97.2%
Year 1	96.4%
Year 2	98.2%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	98.9%
Year 5	96.8%
Year 6	96.8%

Days Absent by End of Year	Equal to Absence %	Overall Attendance % by End of Year
1	0.5%	99.50%
5	2.5%	97.50%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

Descriptor	Percentage Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100	190	0	0
	99	188	2	10
Good	98	186	4	20
	97	184	6	30
Satisfactory	96	182.5	7.5	37.5
	95	180.5	9.5	47.5
Cause for Concern	94	178.5	11.5	57.5
	93	176.5	13.5	67.5
	92	175	15	75
	91	173	17	85
Persistent Absentee	90	171	19	95
	87	165	25	125
	85	161.5	29.5	147.5

Should you wish to discuss your child's attendance at any time, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Prayle or Ms Peart through the school office.