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Dear Parents/Carers,



Bloxwich Academy
'Be The Best You Can Be'

Being in school and having the best attendance possible underpins all the many benefits of school for your child, such as their learning, wellbeing and wider development. For some children, attending school every day will be harder than for others. This is why schools, and local councils in some cases, are committed to working together with families to solve problems and support your child's school attendance.

What are my responsibilities for my child's attendance?

As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a suitable fulltime education, usually from the age of 5 to 16. For most parents, this will mean making sure your child is in school every day except when:

- Your child is too ill to go to school.
- You have permission for a leave of absence from your child's school for them not to attend. You should only ask for this in exceptional circumstances.
- Your religious body has a day especially for religious observance. There are also some other circumstances for example where:
- Your local council is responsible for arranging your child's transport to school and it is not available on that day or has not been provided yet.
- Your child attends an independent school that is beyond walking distance from home and your local council has not arranged for your child to board at or near the school or attend another school closer to home.

Whilst some absence is unavoidable, it is important that your child is in school every day they can be for their learning, wellbeing and development.

If your child is ill, read the NHS advice to help you decide whether they can go to school - <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> . If they are too ill to attend, you should let the school know as soon as possible on the first day of absence. If the absence due to illness is ongoing or frequent you should speak to child's school to see what support can be put in place.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

If you need any further assistance or support to ensure your child maintains a high level of attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will endeavour to support you.

Yours sincerely

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