



# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

HEADTEACHER: Mrs M Hollis

*'Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire  
each other to achieve excellence and become all that  
Jesus calls us to be'*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and carers,

## Attendance Update – October 2023

We have successfully completed our first seven weeks of this academic year. Thank you for getting your children in on time and every day. The best place for your child to be every day is at school learning and spending time with their friends. Currently, our overall attendance stands at 90.2%, which is below the national average and below our own school target of 97%. We need to address this and work together to improve it.



We are concerned as we strive for our children to have the best outcomes possible. For this, we need the children in school. We will have several initiatives in place during the autumn term to support any families whose children are currently below 95%, which is the nationally recognised figure for 'good' attendance. Mrs Higgins will be making supportive phone calls to offer advice and support; and arranging any further support as necessary.

During the first week back, you will receive an attendance letter if your child's current attendance is below 95% and many families will be invited to attend an attendance panel at school alongside Mrs Hollis, myself and a representative from Wirral Council. We expect children to have good attendance as this is how they will attain the best outcomes academically; but it is more than that, being at school daily creates the best social opportunities and friendships for our children.

We are also currently analysing punctuality every morning and will also be holding punctuality panels alongside attendance panels. Both attendance and punctuality needs to improve school-wide in order for our school to achieve the best we can for your children.

After half term, we will make a change at the office in the morning. Due to GDPR regulations, we will now only permit one family to register their late child/children on the sign in machine. This protects yours and your child's personal data. Any other families arriving will need to wait outside the office until the office team open the doors and allow you in. We ask all families please respect this change and office staff implementing it.

Many thanks,

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