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National changes relating to school attendance

Dear parents and carers,

Please find attached to this covering letter some important information from our Trust (Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Learning Trust) regarding new national changes around school attendance. These changes come into effect for all schools in the country from 19th August 2024. It is essential that you read and understand these changes, as from September schools will be held to account by the government to ensure that these changes are adhered to.

Here at Bishop Ian Ramsey, we aim to offer the best education and experience so that every child is supported to achieve their full potential. School years are precious for every child and young person. We believe that regular school attendance is essential if children are to achieve their full potential. We value the attendance of all pupils. Parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child/children attend school regularly.

The Department for Education (DfE) new statutory framework 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' has been updated and includes some key changes that will come into force on 19th August 2024, which all schools must adhere to. In particular, it is important that parents and carers understand the changes to Penalty Notice Fines in relation to unauthorised school absence. The laws around school attendance have been strengthened within this new framework and so it is vital that as parents and carers you are aware of the implications of this when considering term time holidays and absences during term time.

The attached letter gives further details to summarise the changes and what this means for parents and carers. Please read this carefully as the new changes come into effect for us from the first day back in September.

The full DfE framework can be found on our school website in the 'Parents and Carers' section.

School attendance is so important for our children and while it is always our aim to work with our parents and carers to support you with attendance, it is also important to know that we also have to adhere to these newer, strengthened national laws and guidelines.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher