

19th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Attendance & Punctuality

An education is one of the finest gifts we can give to our children and it is really important that children attend school each day, on time, to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

At St. Bede we monitor attendance very closely and whilst we will always address instances of 'poor' attendance, we also like to reward 'good' attendance as follows:

- **Non-uniform Day & Class Party:** Classes who achieve 96.5% attendance, or above, each half term will be allowed to come to school on the last day of half term in 'non-uniform'; they will also receive a 'party' in class in the afternoon. We are thrilled to announce that **Class 2L** and **Class 6C** have each achieved over 97% attendance this half term (Autumn 1). Those classes are allowed to come to school in 'non-uniform' on **Friday 22nd October**. We will do this same reward at the end of each half term for classes who achieve 96.5% and above.
- **Good Attendance Reward:** At the end of each half term, every child who achieves 100% attendance, or has 'most improved' attendance, with zero Lates, will be rewarded with a 'non-uniform' day token. Children who receive this token will be allowed to come to school in 'non-uniform' on a day of their choosing (unless it is a day when children are required to be in uniform). They must check with their class teacher beforehand. Children who have been absent from school due to a medical reason (evidence must have been provided at the school office), will be included in this reward, together with children who have been absent due to a positive COVID test.
- **Weekly 100% Attendance and Most Improved Attendance:** Each week, any class who achieves 100% attendance, and also the class whose attendance has improved the most from the previous week, will each receive an extra play-time.

So much can be missed if a child is absent from school or persistently late and unfortunately there is no opportunity to repeat work. School Matters ... if your child **Attends Today**, they will **Achieve Tomorrow**.

These are new rewards which we are introducing and will be reviewed and/or amended as we progress through the year. Should you have any feedback please drop us an email to parents@stbedeacademy.org.

Thank you for your continued support in teaching your child the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Yours sincerely,

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