



# Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to ask for your support in **improving our whole school attendance**. During the pandemic, it was necessary for children and families to isolate if they or a close contact tested positive. Restrictions and isolation guidance is now far more relaxed, so we must strive towards returning our school's attendance rates to the high levels we saw before the pandemic.

The impact upon children's education through lost learning is huge. At a time when so much education has been disrupted, it is vital that we make every school minute count. I urge you to ensure that your child is in school and on time every day to prevent anyone falling behind with their learning.

The Government considers attendance of 90% or below as **persistent absence**, which will be closely monitored by school staff. Failing to improve on this can lead to prosecution and fines being administered, which our school wants to help families avoid.

Holy Trinity has a **whole school attendance target of 95%**. **At this time, our school's attendance rate is 93%** - we want to really push to get above our school target by the end of the academic year.

There are things you can do to improve your child's attendance and avoid falling into the persistent absence category:

- If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send them to school, contact the office to seek advice on 0208 6749051
- Avoid taking any holidays during term times
- Keep up to date with what % attendance your child has so that you know if they are at risk of persistent absence (our office staff can provide this for you)
- Speak to school staff with any concerns
- Talk to your child about the importance of them being in school and let them know how important **you** feel it is.

The table below provides an example of the impact of lost learning through pupil absence:

% Attendance	Equal to Number of Days Absent	Equal to Number of Lessons Missed	Concern Level
95%	9.5	47.5	Moderate
90%	19	95	Medium
80%	38	190	Serious

Our Family Welfare Officer, Ms Williams, will be contacting all parents of children that have dropped below 90% attendance. Lambeth Council will be supporting our school in monitoring and improving our attendance moving forward.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child arrives on time, every day so that they can maximise their learning and fly even higher.

Mr Winn

Headteacher