

## 'Growing together at the <mark>heart</mark> of God's community"



## Glazebury C.E. Primary school

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Attendance update -October 2024

School attendance is a national priority. At Glazebury CE Primary, we recognise that positive behaviour and good attendance are essential for pupils to get the most of their school experience including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances.

Each week, we provide an attendance update on our newsletter including the class attendance. Our Pupil Attendance Officers have also initiated acknowledgement events for attendance in school, they have spoken to all the children and this term, any class that gets the highest attendance of the week will be using the scooters at Monday break time – we have helmets, knee pads and scooters at the ready.

Overleaf is a handy guide showing further information about our attendance approaches at Glazebury CE Primary and in line with updated National Guidance.

More detailed information is located within our 'Attendance and Punctuality Policy' which is located on our school website under policies. And on our Attendance page.

Thank you all for your support and understanding.

Kind Regards

Mrs K Mowbray and Attendance Team

**Head Teacher** 

## Attendance- Parents role:



Make sure your child attends every day!

97% is our whole school and LDST Attendance Target.



Notify the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence (by phoning the school office 01925 949 404).

We are here to support.



Try to make all medical appointments (doctors, dentist and hospital) out of school time.

Please note we require sight of appointment made.



Discourage your child from staying overnight with friends during the week. This sometimes leads to them both being late (or not attending at all) the next day.



Talk positively about going to school. Encourage your child to take responsibility for being on time for school ensuring they have a realistic bedtime and will not be too tired to get up in the morning for school.



Work with the school and the local authority to help them understand their/your barriers to attendance.

Proactively engage with the support offered to prevent the need for more formal support.



If invited to attend a meeting, come and speak to us. If your child is on an attendance support plan /attendance contract, ensure that actions that have been agreed are undertaken.



Monitor your child's internet and social media use to ensure they are not experiencing any difficulties that may prevent them from wanting to attend school.



Leave of absence during term time is not a parental right. If there are special or exceptional circumstances, please contact the Headteacher and complete the correct school documentation and a decision will be made if the absence can be authorised or not.

Further government guidance on information around potential fines for missing school are provided through the following link: <a href="https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/">https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/19/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/</a>