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Faith in Ability,
Faith in Each Other*

Ref: MM/DG

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Changes to threshold for persistent absence

As from September 2015 the Government is changing the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 10%. This will mean that students whose attendance is 90% or below will be considered a persistent absentee (PA).

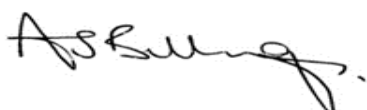
Attendance and punctuality is directly linked to attainment and success in education and is closely monitored by school staff. Students whose attendance is or is becoming a cause for concern will be supported by their Form Tutors, PPC and the attendance team. If required, a referral to the EWS may be made for additional support.

If a student fails to achieve 90% attendance and has 10 or more sessions (half days) of unauthorised absence recorded on the attendance register in a given period, a penalty notice may be issued by the Local Authority.

Leave of absence will not be authorised in term time. Consideration will be given to requests made under exceptional circumstances and should be requested in advance, on the appropriate request form available from school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support in ensuring the regular and punctual attendance of their children. If you require any further information or would like support with attendance issues please do not hesitate to contact your child's PPC.

Yours sincerely



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