

25th May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Introduction of Trust Wide Attendance and Punctuality Policy

As the half term draws to a close I wanted to communicate with you about the new Attendance and Punctuality Policy that we are introducing across all of Pathfinder Schools.

As you will understand, consistent attendance at school is key to educational success. Nationally, there has been a decline in school attendance since the pandemic. This is something the Department of Education is keen to address and it is something that is incredibly important for us as a group of schools. For this reason, we have developed a new Trust policy on attendance and punctuality that will apply to all of our schools.

The new policy gives greater clarity to schools over the types of absence that may be authorised and greater clarity to parents and carers about what they can expect from us in terms of response to absence.

We have always been overwhelmed by the positivity of our parents and carers in terms of their support for schools around attendance and know that you will want to support us in ensuring that every child is in school and able to benefit from a good education.

The policy will be available on our Trust website and also on each school website from 5th June and will come into effect on that day.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at office@pfschools.org.uk

I wish you and your families a peaceful and relaxing half-term break.

Kind regards,



Emma Sims

CEO, Pathfinder Schools