



Building Inspiring Caring

CIRCULAR 2018/19 TL003

To: Parents/Guardians of all enrolled students  
Cc: Bursar

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## **ATTENDANCE**

As you are aware good attendance at school is crucial in ensuring positive achievement in school. I do understand there are acceptable reasons for absence such as illness, emergency medical appointments, difficulty with public transport and bereavements. However, reasons such as holidays during term time, visiting friends or relations or not wanting to attend individual classes in school are not acceptable reasons.

Article 45 of the Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 states:

*It is the duty of a parent of a registered pupil of a school to secure their regular attendance at school.*

The Education order also states:

*If a child or young person who is registered at school does not attend regularly, a parent can receive a fine not exceeding £1000 in court.*

We will be carefully monitoring your child's attendance all year and you will receive a phone call from school if your child is absent.

A figure of 90% is good in examinations but as an attendance figure it equates to almost one month of school missed over the course of a school year. Recent academic success in the College has been built upon good attendance and there is a very high correlation between those students with 95% attendance and success in GCSE. We must therefore all work together to ensure that all of our students maintain their attendance as close to 100% as possible.

Students whose attendance falls below 85% will be brought to the attention of Educational Welfare who may wish to speak with parents.

Thank you for your continued support in our shared responsibility of supporting and providing the best possible educational experience for all of our students.

Stephen Taylor  
Principal

