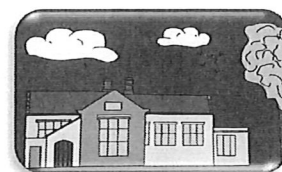


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Good school attendance is vital for our pupils and we take school attendance seriously. Every session that your child misses at school has an effect on their attainment. Although the pandemic is still present and causing some unavoidable absence, it has highlighted the importance of regular face-to-face education to allow all pupils to fulfil their potential.

You may have read in the press that the Department of Education (DfE) is taking new measures to tackle avoidable absence in schools. The school is already obliged to share pupil and attendance data with the DfE three times a year via a school census return. The school is legally obliged to share this information.

Additionally, all schools have now been invited to participate in a pilot project to share this data more regularly in order for the school to receive earlier support from the DfE and Derbyshire County Council where necessary. The school intends to participate in this pilot and will keep this data sharing under review as the pilot progresses.

The Department of Education has published a privacy notice for this project and this is available here https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ak5l8zV1ZSeSlkigoFAvcBqct6Ze_rA5/view

We have worked with the local authority's Data Protection Officer regarding this scheme and have conducted our own Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA). If you have any questions about this project, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Alexia Wyer
Executive Headteacher