



# Wells-next-the-Sea Primary & Nursery School & Alderman Peel High School

A Specialist Sports College



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Dear Parent/Carer

**Attendance at school - Wells Federation**

You will be aware that the law requires all parents to ensure that their child attends school regularly.

Research has shown that children often do not catch up on missed school time, which can have serious consequences for their learning and progress. The Government is very clear that all schools must aim to have the highest attendance possible for all of their pupils in order for them to achieve their maximum potential.

Our attendance target is 96%. The Local Authority has introduced a system where any pupil who has an attendance of 90% or less with at least 15% unauthorised absence over a 6-week period or 10 consecutive sessions (5 school days) unauthorised absence will meet the criteria for legal intervention which could be in the form of a Fixed Penalty Notice. Any pupil in the Wells Federation, who meets either criteria, will be referred to the Local Authority for action to be considered.

Our aim is to ensure that our pupils receive the most from their education and we hope that we can count on your support in this matter. We want to support families in any way that will help children improve their attendance. If you have any difficulties with your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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