



BRADGATE
Education Partnership

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Attendance Policy

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to give you a broad update on some changes to our attendance policy and practices across the Trust. I wrote to you before the Summer highlighting the changes coming through from the Department for Education and the likely raising of the bar with attendance expectations across all schools nationally. These changes have now come into effect and are reflected in our attendance policies. Some key points to note:

- Holidays in term are now almost impossible for Headteachers to approve and are highly likely to result in the issuing of a penalty notice.
- Thresholds for monitoring your child's attendance have altered and your child's school may be in touch with you relatively swiftly following periods of absence (e.g. we will contact any family where a child's attendance is below 95% over a 6 month period).
- We will carry out welfare checks and home visits if a child is away from school and we have not been informed of their whereabouts and/or we have a concern for their safety.
- All schools now need to consider the use of penalty notices much more swiftly, and need to do so for all pupils who miss 5 days of school across a 12 month period.
- Schools do not receive funds from any penalty notices.

Further details regarding all of the updates are available within your school's policy, which is available on request or on the website – [BEP Attendance Policy 2022-2023](#)

Please note that although we will work within these policy changes it will always be our position to listen to our families and work together in the best interests of the children.

Regards

Dean Pomeroy

Director of Schools