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Early Years Foundation Stage – Attendance and Punctuality

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Blessed Robert Widmerpool, we are proud of our warm and nurturing Early Years environment, where every child is welcomed, valued and encouraged to flourish. We are writing to talk about the importance of attendance and punctuality in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

Attending school regularly and arriving on time plays a vital role in your child's learning, development and overall wellbeing. Good attendance habits help children to build confidence, develop friendships, and establish positive routines that support them throughout their school journey and beyond.

As a parent or carer, you are responsible for ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. When children miss school regularly, it can impact their progress, their social development, and their sense of belonging within the class.

You can help to support your child's attendance by:

- Establishing a consistent daily routine from an early age and sticking to it.
- Ensuring your child understands, in an age-appropriate way, why coming to school every day and on time is important.
- Taking an active interest in their education by asking about their day, celebrating their achievements, and encouraging them to take part in school activities.
- Understanding the possible implications for both your child and you as a parent if attendance becomes a concern.
- Discussing any worries your child may have and speaking to their class teacher or the Headteacher if something is causing concern.
- Avoiding taking time off for minor ailments where possible and not booking holidays during term time.

We know that sometimes there may be challenges, we are here to support. If you have any concerns about attendance or punctuality, or if you would like to book an appointment to speak with a member of staff, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support in giving your child the very best start to their education.

Warm regards,

The Early Years Team

Ms Chapman and Miss Matthews



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