



## **BARNARD GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Headteacher: **Mr. L. Walker** | Deputy Headteacher: **Miss J. Thompson**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

From the beginning of this academic year, I have taken over the role of Attendance Lead in school. Attendance is one of the key priorities in school and an area in which we are judged by both the Local Authority and Ofsted. The main reasons for this is that national research suggests that a child who has:

- 95%+ attendance = GOOD chance of making expected+ progress
- 90% = at risk not meeting academic targets
- 80% or less = unlikely to meet academic targets

On top of this, GOOD attendance also leads to:

- Motivation
- Enjoyment of learning
- Good behaviour
- Confidence
- Strong friendships
- Extra-curricular opportunities and experiences

We do appreciate that, at times, children do fall ill and do need to be kept off school to recover. On these occasions, we ask that you ring school before 9am to inform us. To support your child returning to school as soon as possible following an illness, we are happy to administer prescribed medication (which requires 4 doses per day). You would need to complete an administration form to ensure we give your child the correct dose. This form can be found on the school website or at the school office.

Our overall school target for attendance is at least 96%; last year, we reached 94.21%. If you would like any more information or support with this, please do not hesitate to contact myself

Yours Sincerely

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