



# Langwith Bassett Junior Academy

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## Academy Attendance - December 2022

Dear families

One of the most important things your child can do to promote their academic progress is also one of the simplest, going to school every day. By attending regularly, they are more likely to keep up with daily lessons and learning and to maximise their progress and attainment. They are also learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the academy community and learning valuable social skills.

Your commitment to their attendance will also send a message to your child that education is a priority for your family and that going to school every day is a critical part of educational success.

We do understand that there are some times where attendance is not possible for a variety of reasons but we really appreciate your support in ensuring your child attends whenever possible. If your child is too ill to be at school then, of course, they should not attend. Please ensure that you phone the office by 9am to report absence with any details of the illness or barrier to attendance.

<b>ATTENDANCE RATES</b>					
190 days for your child's education every year 100%	10 days absence 180 days of education 95%	19 days absence 171 days of education 90%	29 days of absence 161 days of education 85%	38 days of absence 152 days of education 80%	47 days of absence 143 days of education 75%
<b>95% - 100% - Good</b>		<b>85% - 94% Worrying</b>		<b>Less than 85% SERIOUS CONCERN</b>	
Best chance of success Gets your child off to a flying start		Less chance of maximum success Makes it harder to make strong progress		Your child may find it hard to maintain continuity of learning. Possible court action and a fine	
175 non - school days a year 175 days to spend on family time, visits, appointments and holidays					

For your information your child \_\_\_\_\_'s attendance record for this term currently stands at \_\_\_\_\_%

This is relating to the period from 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022.



School attendance is a legal requirement and this remains the responsibility of the parent or carer. Schools then have a legal duty to report pupil absence rates and those reasons for absence.

Attendance falling below 90% is referred to the Local Education Welfare officer who will monitor the situation and is keen to work with families on behalf of myself and the school to provide support and encourage improvement.

Schools are then required to follow the government procedures should attendance fall below an acceptable level and cause serious concern. A fine or prosecution may then be issued by the local authority.

This is clearly something we would wish to avoid if at all possible, and appreciate your support as parents and carers, ensuring your children attend whenever possible.

Many thanks, as always, for your support.

*Sarah Bacon*

Mrs. Sarah Bacon – Principal

