

21 September 2016

Dear Parent or Carer

As you are aware, we are highly focused on the pursuit of excellent student attendance.

In order to access the full curriculum, and give your son or daughter the best chance of success, they need to be encouraged to attend 100% of the time.

The chart below outlines the impact of attendance on the future education of your child.

Rate of Attendance	Equivalent education missed this term	Equivalent education missed in 1 academic year	Equivalent education missed in 5 academic years (your Child's time at Westleigh)
95%	2 days	10 days (2 school weeks)	50 days (more than a quarter of an academic year)
90%	3.5 days	20 days (4 school weeks)	100 days (more than half an academic year)
85%	5.5 days (1 school week)	29 days (Approx. a full half term)	145
80%	7 days	39 days	195 (One whole year of education)
70%	10.5 days	60 days (almost a full term)	300 days
60%	14 days	78 days	390 days
50%	17.5 days	98 days	490 days
40%	21 days	117 days	585 days

To put this into context, the average number of good GCSE results which our Year 11 students achieved in the summer exams are in the table below, compared to their attendance:-

Attendance	GCSE Results C grades or better
100%	7
98%	6
95%	4
90%	2

As you can see, even a short holiday can have a real negative impact upon your son or daughter's opportunities for academic success.

I would like to thank you for your continued support in relation to your son or daughter's learning and attendance at school, which is highly appreciated. However, if you have any issues or questions that you would like to discuss in relation to this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A HARRISON
Assistant Headteacher

