



Sandy Lane

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19th December 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Pupil Attendance & Persistent Absence

As we come to the end of a very successful term it is time to reflect upon some of the ways that we can make improvements to the provision at Sandy Lane Primary school.

As you know, we successfully achieved a good rating from Ofsted in our recent Ofsted inspection and are of course proud of everyone's achievements. We do however have a few actions for improvement which Ofsted directed us toward.

One of these was to further improve pupil attendance and to improve our levels of persistent absence to at least national average levels. Persistent absence means all those children who have attendance running at or below 90%.

School leaders understand that pupil absences running at 10% or more of the school year has a very detrimental impact on our children. Therefore, we have enlisted Consultant Education Welfare support to help us reduce our persistent absence in the New Year.

Our new Consultant Education Welfare Officer is Cherie Green, who will be working in school once a week to support families of children who have persistent absence. This proactive support may include a telephone conversation or home visit in order to help get attendance back on track.

I hope that I can report to parents that our overall attendance levels have improved to an acceptable standard in the very near future.

Please accept my very best wishes for a peaceful and happy Christmas holiday.

Yours sincerely

John Cooper