## WHY IS SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

- It is hard for children to catch up on work missed.
- They miss out on the structure and routines of school which are an important practice for adult life.
- Issues with friendship groups with not being in school regularly.

## TOP TIPS TO SUPPORT ATTENDANCE

- Get into good routines.
- Show an interest in school and education by going to parents meetings and other school events.
- Talk about school at home, ask your child what they're learning, how they're getting on.
- Take family holidays during school holiday time only.

## SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS:

Walsingham staff are here to help and support you and your child.
If you have any concerns that may affect your child's attendance, please contact us.

## CONTACT US

01328 820265 or by emailing the school office.
office@walsingham.norfolk.sch.uk

# ATTENDANCE AT WALSINGHAM CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL PART OF THE PILGRIM FEDERATION

Information and guidance to support you and your child.

The Pilgrim Federation

At the Pilgrim Federation we believe that regular school attendance is essential if children are to achieve their full potential. This aligns with our Church school vision of all members of our school communities working together to raise aspirations and broaden horizons.

We value the attendance of all pupils. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind and can put them at risk of wider harm.

There is a wide range of evidence as to the health and wellbeing benefits of school age education. Research commissioned by the Department for Education shows missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades.

Please help and support your child for a better future.

Our attendance policy can be viewed on the school website. walsingham.norfolk.sch.uk

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

### MY CHILD HAS A MEDICAL APPOINTMENT, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Parents should try to make appointments outside school hours wherever possible. Where appointments during school time are unavoidable, we ask that parents notify the school in advance, if you can, please provide evidence to support the absence.

### MY CHILD HAS A SICKNESS BUG, DO THEY NEED TO STAY OFF FOR 48 HOURS?

Yes – Your child will need to stay off until 48 hours after the last episode and if your child is well they can return.

### DO I NEED TO COMPLETE A HOLIDAY FORM, EVEN IF IT'S ONE DAY?

Yes – You will need to complete and return the appropriate form. Please ask the school office.

# "Every Day Counts"

Good attendance at school is the single most important factor in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.