



English Martyrs

Catholic Primary School

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Don't Miss the Bus Initiative

Dear Parent/carer,

I appreciate that there has been some confusion over the first year of us running, 'Don't Miss the Bus,' at English Martyrs, as it was launched after the beginning of term, last autumn. In order to be fair to all, the decision was taken to have a launch start date of the 5th November, which was the first day of the second half term and track attendance between this point and the 5th July (last Friday). 97% attendance between this period was 4 days absence; any more and the attendance was below 97%.

Confusion has arisen where children have been in prior to and since the tracking points and therefore have an overall attendance for the year which is 97% or over. As we communicated the Don't Miss the Bus initiative to all parents in this way, we kept to our original decision.

However, to avoid confusion happening again next year, 'Don't Miss the Bus,' will be tracked from the very first day of term to a date in July. This will mean that the attendance that you see as a parent, in reports sent home or live through the phone app, is the same figure that we are basing our decision of being on the bus or not.

Finally, to reiterate the message that has been shared with all parents, this is **not** a punishment scheme and it has certainly not been held over the children in such a manner. We promote excellent attendance and this initiative has made a huge difference this year and had parents and children talking about their attendance like never before! (*133 pupils would have been eligible last year; this year over 245 pupils were*). We have updated the leaflet that is available on the school website: and attached it to this communication for you all to understand. Any queries, please contact the main office.

Yours sincerely,

L. Dinsdale
Headteacher