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Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you that as of 7th September 2022, we will be working in full partnership with Staffordshire County Council's Education Welfare Service to help maintain regular school attendance of our students. This will mean that an Education Welfare Officer from the Local Authority will be regularly visiting our school and reviewing individual student attendance. Our school will also be communicating any significant attendance concerns on a regular basis to ensure that we can support your child to receive a suitable education.

Following guidance from the Local Authority (Staffordshire County Council), it is our school's expectation that all pupils have an attendance percentage of above 96%. Absences that occur due to a medical reason will only be authorised once appropriate medical evidence has been provided where a pattern of persistent absenteeism has been detected.

Under section 7 of the Education Act 1996, the parent(s) of every child of compulsory school age is responsible for making sure that they receive a suitable education. The definition of a parent (or parents) is the adult (or adults) who have (has) a significant input to a child's life and who is known to have responsibility for that child. The Local Authority has the responsibility for pursuing statutory action against parents for failing to ensure their child receives a suitable education.

As a school we expect the following from our pupils & parents in terms of attendance;

Please click the following link to the Attendance page of our website, which details expectations for pupils and parents regarding attendance:

[Attendance - Two Gates Primary School](http://www.twogates.staffs.sch.uk/parents/attendance/)

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As a school, we are committed to supporting our families. We want to work with you to explore what we can offer and resolve any issues that may impact on your child's right to receive a suitable education. If you are concerned that there is something that is preventing your child from attending school regularly or they are experiencing any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact us.

It is our hope that by working closely with Staffordshire County Council's Education Welfare Service, we can ensure that all our students are able to reach their full potential through regular school attendance.

Yours sincerely

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