



NANSTALLON SCHOOL



10 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance in 2019/20

As we commence a new academic year, this letter serves as a timely reminder to all our families of the school's attendance policy which can be found on our website, <https://nanstallonschool.co.uk/key-information/policies/>.

Attendance remains an area for improvement across the school. We will continue to set a target of 97%. Below is a monthly breakdown of our attendance figures last year.

The school will be closed for an additional week in June 2020 for in service training extending the Cornwall half term by an extra week. This is an opportunity for many of you to take advantage of a holiday with less competition on prices or with colleagues in your work places. No term time holidays will be authorised in 2019/20 and fines will be issued by the council where the breach is 5 school days or more within a ten-week period.

If you decide to take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We can refer the matter to Cornwall Council who as the issuing officer may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Fines are issued per parent/carer, per child. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences.

2018-2019	National Average – 95.8%
September 2018 – 95.2%	March 2019 – 96.9%
October 2018 – 96.8%	April 2019 – 95.4%
November 2018 – 96%	May 2019 – 93.3%
December 2018 – 95.4%	June 2019 – 96.3%
January 2019 – 94.4%	July 2019 – 95.4%
February 2019 – 94.6%	Overall – 95.6%

Warmest regards,

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