



**St Gilbert's**  
**Church of England Primary School**  
 Foundry Road Stamford Lincolnshire PE9 2PP

# Our Vision

To inspire a love of learning

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Dear Parents

## CHANGES IN ATTENDANCE REGULATIONS

As Chair of Governors, I would like to welcome you back to the new school year. The Board of Governors and staff are looking forward to a very exciting and positive year.

We would like to bring to your attention a change made by the DFE in relation to attendance regulations. This change took effect from the beginning of this academic year with the aim being to ensure all children have the greatest opportunities for learning in school. Therefore, from the start of this school year, the government has reduced the threshold for persistent absenteeism from 15% of sessions to 10% of sessions. Governors and the school are currently reviewing policy and procedures and will communicate these to you as soon as possible.

It may help to see what this change means in terms of missed sessions or days out of school. A 10% level of absence looks like this:

	10% of days out of school
Term 1	3 ½ or more days
Terms 1 & 2	7 or more days
Term 3	10 or more days
Term 3 & 4	12 ½ or more days
Term 5	15 ½ or more days
Full academic year	19 or more days

Naturally we know that a serious illness may involve several days out of school but overall St Gilbert's has a very high level of attendance clearly reflecting the children's enjoyment of school and your strong support. Over the last 2 years, attendance has been 97.68% and 97.53% respectively and the school regularly celebrates with parents their child's high attendance.

We ask you to continue to ensure your child is in school regularly and arrives at school punctually ready for the day ahead with lessons starting at 8.50am.

Thank you once again for your on-going support

Kind regards

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 Chair of Governors

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