

## **St Joseph's Child-Friendly Attendance Policy**



### **Why is it important to attend school?**

- The government says so! It is the law that children MUST attend school
- To learn new things to help us as we grow
- To make friends and be part of our school community
- To go on trips e.g. on residential, to Liverpool and swimming to name but a few
- Being in school every day improves your chances of getting good grades; go to college and university when you are older and getting a good job

### **Why is it important to arrive at school on time?**

- To get settled and say hello to your friends and our staff
- To hear important messages during registration
- To start your learning on time

### **What happens if I don't come to school?**

- You will fall behind in your learning and have gaps
- You don't get to see and play with your friends and it could affect your friendships
- Your parents/carers could get a fine

### **How will I be rewarded for good attendance?**

We have incentives every half term for individual children, for example 100 club, 95% report cards, improved attendance awards

Class rewards – classopoly treats for the highest %, potatohead pieces for every 95% and above

Attendance assemblies to reward and highlight great efforts by children and their families

### **How will I (and my family) be supported if my attendance is a concern?**

Our pastoral team will work alongside your family and listen to where there are barriers for attendance; we will help your parent/carers improve routines at home; put in incentive charts to help motivate you to come to school; work with signpost to help available locally – we work out what you need, and help you in any way we can!