



Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust

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The Bishop Bewick Catholic Education Trust is committed to ensuring that students and families understand the absolute importance of full attendance at school. Absence has a detrimental effect on a student's academic progress; indeed, it is the greatest determinant of under-achievement at all phases.

Poor attendance or sporadic absences may also be an indicator of underlying issues that need resolving either inside or outside of school. Absence may also mean that a young person is more vulnerable to safeguarding risks, such as sexual and criminal exploitation, including county lines activity. As such, all our schools invest time and money in working with families to make student attendance a top priority.

As a Trust, we take our duty to safeguard children and our mission to challenge educational and social disadvantage seriously. Securing great attendance for all students is at the heart of our work. We work tirelessly to create a culture in our schools where students want to attend, and we see great attendance as a benchmark of our positive culture.

Operational use:

In addition to this Trust-wide statement, **BBCET expects each of its schools to develop and publish their own attendance policy.**

These are available on each school's website.