



Learning for Life

Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

Headteacher: David Burles MA

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Dear Parents

PENALTY NOTICES

As you know, we have high expectations for attendance at Fawbert & Barnard's. The reason for this is, quite simply, that children do better at school when their attendance record is good. Until now, we have sought to maintain this position without recourse to fining parents for withdrawing their children from school for unauthorised absence during term time.

Unfortunately, due to the continued taking of unauthorised leave of absence by a small minority of parents, we feel we have no option but to change our approach. We very much regret the need to make this change.

We are therefore writing to inform you that at its meeting on 25 November 2015, the Governing Body resolved that with effect from 4 January 2016, the school will request that Essex County Council issues penalty notices to parents whenever the criteria for doing so are met.

We do hope that we will not have to resort to this measure and that all parents will work with the school to ensure their children's attendance is as high as possible.

Yours sincerely

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