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SOWERBY BRIDGE CLUSTER OF SELF IMPROVING SCHOOLS **ATTENDANCE INFORMATION SHEET**

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best results they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school regularly which will help in the future.

95%: 10 days absence a year

These pupils are likely to achieve good grades though increased attendance would be more likely to enable them to do the very best they can. Nonetheless, they will probably form a habit of attending school regularly

If a child's attendance falls below 95%, a letter will be sent home to parents informing them of absence levels.

90%: 19 days absence a year

Young people in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to keep up with work so they are likely to fall behind their peers. If a child's attendance is at this level it will almost certainly be referred to the Education Welfare Service which will rigorously monitor the situation in order to secure improvement. The government classes children with attendance below 90% as "**persistent absentees**" and it will be impossible for them to keep up with work. Parents of young people in this group could face the possibility of legal action taken by the Local Authority.

If a child's attendance falls below 90%, a letter will be sent home to parents requesting a meeting with the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher to discuss attendance.

85%: 29 days absence a year

Young people in this group are missing six weeks of school per year; it will be almost impossible for them to keep up with work so they will fall behind their peers. If a child's attendance is at this level it will certainly be referred to the Education Welfare Service which will take immediate action in order to secure improvement.

Working with the Diocese of Leeds and the Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale

