



On behalf of:

**Lamberhead Green Primary Academy**

**Westfield Community School**

**St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary**

**Dear Families**

As we are sure you all are aware, improving pupil attendance is a very important national issue.

*'This is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 and key stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.'*

*DfE Department for Education: Working together to improve school attendance*

Lamberhead, Westfield and St Cuthbert's are all part of the wider - With Others We Succeed (WOWS) - network of schools within Wigan Local Authority. We recognise that school attendance is all of our responsibility, and we know our families and communities all want the best possible attendance for our children.

This year we have been doing a joint project to promote pupil attendance. As primary schools in close proximity, serving the same communities, we thought it would be a great opportunity to share some of the things we each do to promote and support our children's attendance.

We are celebrating the project by each having a shared focus week from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. The last week of this half term.

During this week there will be:

- Poster competitions
- Assemblies (where we'll share videos that children have produced)
- Visits from Council representatives
- Best attending class awards
- Sharing of our attendance data (and maybe a bit of friendly competition!)

As we all know good health is hugely important for positive attendance. We have therefore also arranged for the Healthy Schools Team at Wigan to provide parent/carer sessions in each school. These will be open to all families from 9-10am on the following dates in each school:

Lamberhead – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

St Cuthbert's – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Westfield – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

We know that all of us in our schools, families and communities want to give our children the best education possible. We are sure that if we continue to work together, we can continue to improve attendance and ensure all our children enjoy fantastic educational opportunities.

Thank you

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Headteacher

**Lamberhead Green Primary**

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Headteacher

**Westfield Primary**

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Headteacher

**St Cuthbert's Primary**