

30 May 2018

**Re: School closed on Friday 25th May 2018**

Dear Parents and Carers

Please be aware that we will be having our next staff training day on Friday 25th May, just prior to the half term break. School will be closed for students on that day.

As this will give an extended half term break I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers of our policy on attendance which is summarised in the paragraph below. Please note that, in accordance with our policy, students must not be withdrawn from school for family holidays during term time.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J McGillicuddy  
Vice Principal

**Attendance policy summary:**

We cannot emphasise how important it is that students attend school unless they really are too ill to do so. Every day of learning lost has an impact on the final grades that students will achieve. Please could we ask you to renew your efforts to get your child into school every day on time. We would like to work closely with you to ensure that our students are here in school as close to 100% of the time as possible. Research shows that students who do not attend school regularly do not achieve as well in their examinations, find it difficult to maintain friendships, miss out on social events and are more likely to become involved in crime, to name but a few. Any student whose attendance falls below 90% will be classed as a Persistent Absentee or PA. Students with poor attendance could face legal action being pursued, on behalf of the school, by the Local Authority. On our website in the 'Parents' section under 'Parents Documents and Letters' is our 'Spotlight on Attendance' letter which outlines this process. Ninestiles School will continue to be robust in challenging absence from school and raising overall attendance to above the national expectation of 97%. As part of this we will continue to work with parents/carers and families to support excellent attendance from all our students.

Full details of this policy can be found on the Ninestiles Trust website:

<http://www.ninestilesacademytrust.org.uk/about-ninestiles-academy-trust/policies/>