

## **School Attendance Statement**



The total number of pupils on roll in 2019/2020 is 54. Regular attendance and punctuality is essential. School transports all pupils either at the beginning of the week or daily. Only illness, extreme domestic need or medical appointments are considered reasons for absence from school. Permission for pupils to be off school for parental holidays during term time needs to be requested either in writing or by filling in a request form available from school. We ask parents/ carers to think carefully before making such a request as breaks in a pupil's education time can have a negative effect.

If a pupil is absent parents/carers must contact school to let staff know that they will not be in, and why. If the pupil is suffering a long term illness (longer than 3 days) school will require evidence of this by means of a medical appointment card, letter from the doctor or medication. The school undertakes to follow up any unexplained absence as quickly as possible and the co-operation of parents/carers is greatly appreciated.

If a pupil falls ill or has an accident while at school, we make arrangements for parents/carers to be informed and the pupil to be taken home or collected where possible.

Parents/carers of residential pupils have the option of the young person being registered with the local doctors at High Bentham Health Centre which is located 5 miles from school, unless due to medical needs of the pupil they need to remain with their family doctor. Should a pupil require medical treatment during weekend leave or holidays they can still be taken to their family doctor and be treated as a temporary patient.

In case of emergency pupils will be taken to Royal Lancaster Infirmary or Westmorland General Hospital.