



Wentworth High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Absence from school for religious festivals

At Wentworth we welcome pupils from all faiths and cultures and we are very proud of the extremely tolerant community that exists within the school. We currently have more than 30 languages spoken and pupils who practice many different religions.

However, please be aware that all pupils are expected to attend school according to the calendar published by Salford Local Authority and that we cannot always authorise absence for the celebration of religious festivals.

If you wish your child to be absent from school for a religious festival, you must complete a holiday absence form, so that we can consider the request.

Please also be aware that, if you are informed that your request has not been authorised, you might subsequently receive a fixed-penalty fine if you remove your child from school.

I trust you understand the reason for this policy. We fully respect the traditions and customs of all the religious groups attending Wentworth, but need to balance this with ensuring that pupils attend school regularly. In simple terms, if pupils are not in school, they do not learn.

If you wish to discuss this letter, or a particular issue in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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