



**Building a stronger
community together,
united by our love of God**

AST Attendance Statement of intent

All schools in the AST are committed to meeting their obligations with regards to school attendance through a whole-school culture and ethos that values good attendance, including:

- Promoting excellent attendance
- Reducing absence, including persistent and severe absence
- Promoting and supporting excellent punctuality to school and lessons
- Ensuring every pupil has access to the full-time education to which they are entitled
- Acting early to address patterns of absence
- Building strong relationships with families to ensure pupils have the support in place to attend school
- Being clear that holidays (leave of absence) are not to be taken during term time and need prior approval by the Headteacher. A leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please note that AST schools can fine (issue a penalty notice to) parents/carers for the unauthorized absence of their child from school

**ALL SCHOOLS WITHIN THE AST HAVE THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL ATTENDANCE POLICY
(PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOLS DIRECTLY)**

**Wisdom & Knowledge – Hope & Aspiration – Solidarity – Dignity & Respect –
Rights & Responsibility – A Positive, Open & Honest Culture**