

The De Montfort School

Amendment to the Attendance Policy during the COVID-19 pandemic

The Secretary of State has written to all Directors of Children's Services setting out the department's expectation that no parent/carer is penalised for their child's non-attendance due to Covid-19. In that letter, Local Authorities have been asked to: suspend any penalty notice action or prosecutions for Covid-19 related absence with immediate effect.

In response to this guidance we will not unauthorise absences due to COVID-19 at this time. We will, however, regularly review this decision in line with government guidance. We will also not fine parents/carers for their son/daughter's non-attendance. Again, we will regularly review this decision.

We will continue to call home to families to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students.