

## **Ironstone Academy Trust: Attendance at Zetland Primary**

From March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021, school attendance will be mandatory.

This means that the legal duty on parents of children of compulsory school age will apply. It is vital that children return to school as quickly as possible for their educational progress, wellbeing and wider development.

Where shielding advice remains in place for your child, it is important that you communicate this information to **the School Office, where Mrs Richardson, Mrs Best or Mrs Barnes will take your message**, so we can in turn ensure remote learning continues. We would ask for evidence from your child's doctor or other medical professional, to support this requirement. The same support may be considered where a child is self-isolating with symptoms.

It is the expectation that parents will avoid a holiday in term-time as this will cause further disruption to their child's education. Holidays in term-time must be in writing to the Headteacher using the appropriate form and **providing details of the destination to be visited**. A request will only be agreed where it is satisfied there is an exceptional circumstance that is in accordance with the **Ironstone Academy Trust** policy. If the area to be visited is at high risk of transmission of the coronavirus, the school must ensure that there is an individual risk assessment in place for the child to return to school.

Legal powers to enforce attendance will be used where a child misses school without a valid reason and the absence is unauthorised.