

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting regular school attendance, we will be working in partnership with the Education Welfare Service for the Summer term and our link Non-statutory Education Welfare Officer will be Sam Dabreo. Sam will be working alongside Compass Staff to support you and your child and this work may include:

- Individual casework with pupils who are experiencing attendance difficulties, including reviews and information updates on actions taken;
- Development of individual action plans between the school and the Education Welfare Service, to address attendance issues;
- Identification of areas of concern and of good practice in relation to attendance matters;
- Interventions to address systemic attendance issues and help to develop a whole school approach.

Please see the below message from Sam:

*Hello my name is Sam Dabreo and I work for the education welfare team at the local authority. I am a qualified low intensity CBT practitioner. I have worked within further education for over 20 years working with young people aged 14+. I started out as a teacher, then apprenticeship coordinator, more recently I was the mental health lead, safeguarding and pastoral support in a local Southampton college. Fun fact: I am also a dance teacher. Education and growth is important to me, the goal is to see young people achieve their own goals. I believe listening to the voice of the child is the most important thing when it comes to education, to listen to what could potentially make a difference and motivate them to engage. I believe in high support and high challenge and I am excited to begin working within the Compass school.*

Promoting school attendance, tackling absence and helping to create a pattern of regular attendance is everybody's responsibility and we are eager to be able to work in partnership with yourselves, and the Education Welfare Service over the coming months so your child is equipped with the skills to fulfil their potential and make good choices as young adults and citizens, for themselves and their communities.

Yours Faithfully



Debbie McKenzie

Headteacher