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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Attendance

Following on from communication earlier in the year, we are writing again to emphasise the importance of regular school attendance. As a reminder, our school's attendance target is 96% with our current attendance figure sitting just above 93%. Although this figure is above the national average for secondary schools, we are still striving to reach our target.

Research shows that there is a clear link between good attendance and student outcomes. Regular attendance helps students to:

- Develop their social skills
- Enhance their learning and improve academic performance
- Build a consistent routine
- Foster a sense of belonging

By working together, we can ensure that students attend school regularly and benefit fully from their education. If there are any issues affecting your child's attendance (that we do not already know about), please liaise with us so we can provide the necessary support. Please note that we will **not be able to authorise any holidays during term time.**

To assist us in ensuring the highest standards of attendance, please think about the following:


Monitor Attendance: Please keep track of your child's attendance and ensure they attend school regularly, easily accessed in Go4schools.

Communicate: If your child is unwell or facing any issues that may affect their attendance, contact the school office as soon as possible.

Support: Work with the school to address any barriers to attendance. This may include attending meetings or following up on agreed actions.

If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to send your child into school or not, you can get advice using the link below:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

	<p><u>Is my child too ill for school?</u> Find out when it's best to keep your sick child at home and when it's OK to send them to school or nursery. www.nhs.uk</p>
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Students are allowed to carry a single dose of cold medicine or pain killer with them to school.

If you need to discuss your child's attendance further, please contact their Head of Year.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Kind regards

Mr M Longhurst
Assistant Headteacher

Mr G Kirkby
Head of Year 7

Mr A Elkins
Head of Years 8 & 10

Ms Y Gajny
Head of Years 9 & 11