



Dear Parent / Carer,

With the national attendance crisis being reported in the media over recent days, I am writing to talk about the vital importance of attending school every day.

Having broken attendance (a day off each fortnight or on random days) means scholars are missing more than 5 hours of learning that day. This means that they will struggle to understand their lessons upon their return to school. This is because lessons are taught in a sequence which relies on knowledge from prior lessons. So, the 'only one day' of absence will have a significant negative impact on your child.

It is worth considering how much learning will be missed over the full academic year. Whilst 85% attendance may 'sound good' your child will miss out on over 150 lessons of learning. This will have a detrimental impact on their education.

Overall Attendance Percentage by the End of Year	Lessons Missed	Sessions Missed
99.5%	5	2
97.5%	25	10
95%	50	20
90%	100	40
85%	150	60

The link between attendance and attainment is clear; those who attend school will achieve higher grades and will go on to attend the best universities, or a real alternative. They will have a wider range of career options open to them and their potential earnings could be higher during the course of their lives.

If you feel that there is any support the academy can offer in getting your child into school every day, then please do contact the Pastoral Year Team.

The academy has strong links with the community and city-wide agencies that can provide a range of support to families.

Thank you for ensuring your child attends school every day.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Clifford
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