



Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Attendance matters!

On Friday, we introduced a house attendance initiative for this term only. In week one and five the house with the highest number of pupils in school are able to wear non school uniform for one day. **Week one winners were Mars which means that if your child is in Mars (red) House only they are able to wear non school uniform on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.** We will be offering this in week 5 as well so please do help us to help your child attend school every day.

We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our pupils in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success. Please can you help us to help your child attend school every day.

Please be aware of some changes introduced by the DfE <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance> we welcome you to read. Please be aware of the following:

- Our School Attendance Champion is Mr T Lawrence.
- Our school attendance policy identifies our processes for managing attendance which can be found on our website.
- We encourage all parents and carers to take your family holidays during the school holiday period. The Headteacher does consider, (one per academic year), such individual requests made in writing in exceptional circumstances and takes into account specific facts and circumstances.
- The school wants to work with you and your child to break down any barriers in your child attending school every day. We welcome you to raise any matters with our staff to be able to implement targeted support as necessary.

We know that sometimes our pupils cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other pupils. Medical advice is clear however that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance [is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

Please ensure you contact the school on the morning to report your child's absence and inform us in advance of any medical appointments.

Do contact the school should you have any questions and we look forward to working together to help your child attend school every day.

Kind regards

Mrs M Cleave  
Headteacher