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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear parents/carers,

This March we are celebrating all the reasons “Attendance Matters”, with 4 weekly attendance raffles. Your child will earn a golden ticket and entry to the raffle each week they achieve 100% attendance. There will be an extra bonus raffle in week 4 for those who achieve 100% attendance in the month of March. Please encourage your child to achieve 100% attendance in March by arriving punctually each day for school.

Currently our school attendance is below the national average. Under the new Ofsted framework this could put us at risk of being graded as ‘needs attention’. We are especially concerned by the number of families who choose to take students on holiday during term time and the impact this is having on attendance. Our target for each student is a minimum of 97% attendance which 40% of our students achieve, however we are asking for all families to support us by ensuring your child attends school every day possible.

#### Key Reasons Why Attendance Matters:

- **Academic Achievement:** There is a direct, proven link between high attendance and better exam results.
- **Preventing Learning Gaps:** Missing school means missing learning, making it harder for students to catch up on lessons. Even missing just one or two days can significantly impact understanding.
- **Social and Emotional Growth:** Attending school allows children to build friendships, learn vital social skills, and interact with peers and teachers. It helps reduce risks of isolation and encourages better emotional wellbeing.
- **Developing Life Skills:** Regular attendance fosters key habits like punctuality, responsibility, and a strong work ethic, which are crucial for future career success.
- **Long-Term Success:** Missing school doesn't just affect exam results and a child's time in education – it can impact future earnings too. For each additional day of absence between Years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out on an average of £750 in future lifetime earnings.

If you are struggling to get your child into school, please talk to us. We are here to help. Whether it's anxiety, friendship issues or challenges at home please contact and work with us to support your child to be happy and successful.

Thank you for your support

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