



Dear Parents and Carers

At the start of March [I wrote to you about attendance](#) and the work that we are doing to recover attendance to pre-pandemic levels. I am delighted to tell you that since I wrote to you we have started to see attendance figures improving across all year groups in the school.

Average school attendance up until the February Half Term was at 90% which is 5% below where we would normally expect to be. Since half term average attendance has now increased to 93%. Whilst this still sits below pre-pandemic levels it is positive to see this move in the right direction.

Thank you for the work that you are all doing to help us as we seek to return attendance to pre-pandemic levels. Remember, if you need any help with this then all the information that you need, including details of who you can contact for help, are set out on our [website](#).

Next week is the final week before the Easter Holiday and it is important that students continue to attend school if they are well enough to do so. Lessons will continue to be taught as normal across the whole school and if students are not in school then they will fall behind.

Throughout this year we have seen a worrying pattern with high levels of absence in the final few days before a school holiday. Keeping your child off school so that they can avoid testing positive before a family holiday or event will be an unauthorised absence. Given the amount of school that some students have missed it is more important than ever that we strive to achieve good attendance for all students for the remainder of this year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Andrew George
Head Teacher

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 days
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!
Percentages based on 190 academic days