



Every student. Every day.



Welcome to our attendance newsletter for the first part of the Spring term, where we will continue to aim to answer any questions you may have, provide additional guidance about good attendance and include reminders about our whole school expectations. Although our 'Attendance Matters' newsletter is sent out each via Marvellous Me, we are happy to provide paper copies in the front office should you need one.

### Pupil Voice

We asked some of our children how they feel when they have missed school and have poor attendance, or if they are late regularly. Here are some of the things children shared with us:

*"I don't like missing school because it means I don't get to see my friends and that makes me sad." (Year 2)*

*"If I've missed school I can usually catch up on the work I have missed, but it's more difficult. It makes me feel like I'm behind everybody else." (Year 4)*

*"When I come back to school it's difficult because everyone else knows things and I don't." (Year 2)*

*"I don't like missing out. My teachers help me, but I still feel behind." (Year 4)*

*"Year 6 is really important because we have our SATs and getting ready for secondary school. If I miss school it makes me even more worried about things." (Year 6)*

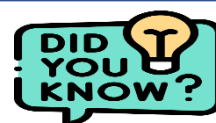
*"When I've been off school I come back and I get more answers wrong." (Year 2)*

**Please support your child in coming to school every day to help avoid them feeling this way!**

### Setting the right example for your child

Good attendance and punctuality are not just the expectations at school; they form positive life habits that will help our children in their future and enter the world of work. Parents and carers have a huge part to play in setting the right example for their children.

This includes attending meetings. When children's attendance becomes a concern, parents/carers are invited to an attendance planning meeting. Of the meetings held so far this year, only 29% have been attended by a parent/carer. This is really disappointing – our children deserve better than this!



The Education Hub is a website that includes a section for parents that aims to provide easy to access information about the education system.

A really useful blog post can be found at [How to improve your child's school attendance and where to get support – The Education Hub](#) which provides advice on what to do if your child is feeling poorly, anxious or if an additional need is a potential barrier to good attendance. Well worth a look!