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Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school community, we all want the very best for our children, and one of the most important ways we can support them is by helping them to be in school every day they are able.

Research shows a very clear picture — children who attend school regularly are far more likely to achieve well academically. Even small amounts of missed learning can make a real difference. For example, pupils with attendance above 95% at primary school are much more likely to reach expected standards in reading, writing and maths by the end of Year 6 than those who miss just a few extra days across the year. Studies also show that this pattern continues later on: pupils who have frequent absences during their school years tend to achieve lower GCSE results and, in turn, this can affect future education and career opportunities.

Regular attendance also supports aspects that are just as important such as children's friendships, confidence and well-being. Being in class each day helps children feel settled, connected and confident. When they are away from this routine, it can become harder socially and emotionally, and the learning gaps can grow quickly. School also provides the stability, care and guidance that children need to thrive.

I want to emphasise that we completely understand children will occasionally be unwell, and of course we want parents to make sensible decisions when this happens. But where absence becomes more frequent, it can start to have a real impact — and this is where we want to work with families to offer support. If you are ever finding it difficult to get your child into school — whether because of worries, health needs, morning routines, or anything else — please talk to us. We can help, and together we can make a plan that feels manageable for you and positive for your child.

As a school, we monitor attendance carefully so we can offer help early, and we also want to celebrate good attendance and resilience. This is why in the near future you may receive a letter that makes you aware of your child's attendance statistic (this is also available on the Arbor app). This is a part of our practice to ensure that we are able to work with families in a collaborative and supportive manner rather than letting patterns of poor attendance settle.



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None of this works without your partnership. Thank you for everything you already do each day — from the morning routines and encouragement to the conversations you have with your child about the importance of school. Your support truly makes a difference.

Our shared aim is simple: to give your child the greatest possible chance to succeed and be happy now and in the future. If you ever have concerns or would like to discuss your child's attendance, please know you are always welcome to contact us. We are here to help.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henry Huxtable".

Mr Henry Huxtable  
Academy Head Teacher



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