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Dear Parents & Carers,

As a school we continue to be committed to your child's education and to supporting them in having good attendance.

Improving school attendance is everyone's business, and to tackle the challenge we face, we need to work together.

The Government has launched a national campaign, aimed at parents and carers, on the importance of school attendance.

The campaign tagline is "Moments Matter, Attendance Counts".



The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who regularly attended school.
- 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, compared with 84% of regular attenders. It's never too late to benefit from good attendance:
- It's never too late to benefit from good attendance: More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.
- Attendance is important for more than just attainment: Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.

Is my child too ill for school?



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

The campaign reminds us to consider if your child really needs to be off school.

Making memories

“From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child.
#AttendanceCounts”

That moment they found a new best friend while queuing up for pudding.

That time fractions suddenly clicked.

The day they scored the winning basket in the game of knockout

The day they got to dress as their favourite book character

The day they designed a website of their favourite sportsperson

The day they got a golden book certificate

The day they got a speaking part in the school play

The day they got to read all the new books in the library.

From the first day of term to the last, each moment, big or small, makes a big difference to a child’s wellbeing. Positive, real, life-changing moments. In a school year there are hundreds of these moments. What a difference a school day makes.

We thank you all once again for supporting our school and your children with their attendance, as we all know this leads to a better future for them.

Mrs S Conlon
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