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Dear Parent or Carer,

Attendance Matters

I am writing to remind you of the benefits and importance of school attendance. It is your responsibility as a parent or carer to ensure your child or young person can access their education and the support we will offer you with this.

Missing school means missing out on so many things such as being with friends, experiencing new activities and learning new skills as well as impacting on a young person's future prospects.

Future employers and training providers look to see what grades a young person has achieved. We know that pupils attending for more than 95% of the year achieve GCSE results that are one grade higher than those that don't.

There are very few reasons why a pupil should not be in school and it is essential that you, as parents or carers, play your part.

Facts to think about:

- Attendance that drops below 95.9% will be monitored.
- 90% is equal to missing 19 days in a school year. Over 11 years of education, this is equal to missing one whole year of school.
- Being late by 15 minutes every day means missing two weeks of learning in a year.
- Children do not need to stay off school if they have mild health problems such as conjunctivitis, a cold or headache. Additionally, they do **not need** a 24 or 48 hour recuperation time if they have been sick.
- More information is available on our website: www.hylands-tkat.org

I am sure you can see the benefits of making sure your child doesn't miss out and helping your child to attend school every day they can. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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