



Dear Families,

As part of the Attendance sweep on 24th September 2024, school staff and Manchester City Council officers are conducting home visits and welfare checks on pupils, who have low attendance. The purpose of these visits is to reiterate our high expectations of school attendance and provide families with the necessary support and resources where there are barriers preventing a child from attending regularly.

Regular School Attendance is crucial for your child's academic and personal development. Attending school every day not only allows pupils to learn academically, but also teaches valuable life skills like responsibility, punctuality, and commitment. A quality education is the foundation for future careers and opportunities. When students miss school, they risk falling behind their peers and may struggle to catch up.

Research shows that pupils who performed better at both primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well. Every moment counts in school and days missed quickly add up. For example, a child who is absent for three days would potentially miss 15 lessons.

We understand that there may be occasional, unavoidable absences due to illness or family emergencies. However, we strongly encourage you to make every effort to have your child attend school regularly. Minor ailments such as headaches, colds should not be a reason for non-attendance to school. Late arrivals and early departures can also count against a pupil's attendance record, so please ensure your child arrives on time and remains at school for the full day.

If a child had excessive unauthorised absence, parents/ carers are at risk of statutory action, such as a penalty notice or prosecution by the local authority.

Education is one of the most important investments we can make in our children's futures. By working together to prioritise school attendance, we are setting our students up for long-term success.

We are committed to working with you to ensure your child's regular attendance and academic success. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance.

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