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15th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Attendance Update

Attendance has been our number one priority this academic year and our collective hard work is having a huge impact. There is nothing more important than maintaining good school attendance and those who do make above expected progress, something we want for all of our students.

Our current attendance is 2.7% higher than the equivalent point last year which is huge when it comes to attendance. This put us as one of the most improved schools in the country. I am delighted to see a record number of students maintain their 100% attendance streak and show the determination to keep it going.

For those students who have been absent, the focus and priority switches to re-building their attendance streak and aiming for 100% attendance for the rest of the academic year. Good attendance is now the default setting for the majority, and it bodes well for the future.

In previous years, attendance has been negatively impacted when Ilkeston Fair is in town. I am confident this won't be the case this year but wish to remind parents and students to attend school as normal. Local police will be patrolling the fair during school hours and members of school staff will also be in attendance.

Our 14.35 finish means students can attend the fair earlier on Friday. Staff are looking forward to attending too! Celebration assemblies will also be taking place on Friday in addition to reward activities at lunchtime throughout the week.

A reminder that we break up for our first two-week October half term on Friday with students returning on Monday 4th November.

Thank you for your support throughout this half term, we are only as strong as we are because of the partnership with our wonderful families, one of the reasons I am proud to be the Principal of this school.

Thank you and best wishes,



Mr S Leach

Principal