

Wednesday 24th November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Reminder on Attendance Expectations

We are reminding you of your responsibilities in regard to your child's attendance to school throughout the academic year.

The *Department for Education* expect all students to attend school at least 96% of the time. This expectation allows your child to be absent on a maximum of eight days during the academic year.

The reason for this expectation is that there is a strong link between good attendance and high attainment at school. Nationally students with 96% attendance have a 72% chance of attaining a grade 4+ in English and Maths, compared to a 35% chance for those with attendance below 96%.

Students therefore have a far better chance of success at every grade if they attend school every day. To help your child attend school every day please ensure that:

- They allow themselves enough time each morning to get to school on time
- Non-emergency medical appointments are made outside of the school day
- Routine dentist and opticians appointments are made outside of the school day
- You support your child to go to bed at a reasonable time, eat healthily and stay active, therefore making them less likely to become unwell

All parents and carers have a legal duty to ensure that their child attends school regularly. If your child's attendance falls below 90% during the course of an academic year, then they will be classified as persistently absent from school. Newham will then contact you to support improved school attendance.

Please speak to your child about the importance of attending school every day and the positive impact this will have on both their academic and emotional wellbeing. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,



Ashley Dixon
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