



18th October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

ATTENDANCE

As we rapidly approach the end of our first half term, I would like to count on your continued support to encourage good attendance and punctuality to school.

Attendance is monitored daily; it is important that you contact school to inform us of the reason for your child's absence you can do this by the following ways:

- by phone on **01604 493211 ext.337 or Option 2**
- by sending us a message on MCAS by clicking the on the app and click on send message to school

Or by e-mail to amcmahon@tbcs.nor.olicatschools.org



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Following safeguarding requirements, a home visit may need to take place. Children absent from school for three days or more will receive a visit from the Attendance Team.

Children with an attendance below 90% are logged with the Local Authority and the Education Welfare Service. For children whose attendance does not improve, a four-week monitoring period will take place and parents and students may be invited into school for a meeting with the attendance team and Head of Year for a Parenting Contract.

When absent from school, it is good practice to provide medical evidence when your child is absent. Medical evidence examples:

- If you visit the doctor or walk in centre, collect a stamped appointment card.
- If your child is prescribed medication, please email a photograph of any medication to amcmahon@tbcn.olicatschools.org
- Medical evidence is required for all children who have less than 90% attendance.

Please note, we do not require photographic evidence of illness however, should you feel it helpful to provide a photograph to share information, please ensure that this is of an appropriate nature with no explicit content to support safeguarding.

School plays an important role in your child's development, both academically and socially. Pupils with poor attendance are **five times less likely to achieve five GCSE pass grades** and this can have a major impact on their future career and further education options.

If you have concerns around your child's attendance, speak to their form tutor at the earliest opportunity. We can provide support to tackle any issues.



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**YOU HAVE 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS
EACH YEAR OUT OF 365 DAYS.
YOU HAVE 48% OF ALL DAYS OFF
SCHOOL.**

*That is 175 days to spend
with family and friends on
visits, holidays, shopping
trips, appointments etc.*

**SCHOOL IS TOO IMPORTANT TO
YOUR LIFE CHANCES TO MISS.**

Yours sincerely

Mr P McCahill
Headteacher



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