



HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Attendance Matters: Giving Every Student the Best Start

I would like to introduce myself as the Attendance Lead at Humphrey Perkins School. I would like to thank you for your support in helping your child make a positive start to the new academic year.

As we reach the end of the first four weeks of term, this provides an important opportunity to reflect on one of the most significant factors influencing student success: **regular school attendance**.

We firmly believe that **every lesson counts and every day matters**. Students who attend school regularly are far more likely to fulfil their academic potential, develop positive relationships with staff and peers, build confidence, and benefit from the wider opportunities that school life provides.

The Department for Education reports that students with attendance between 95% and 100% are almost twice as likely to achieve a Grade 5 in English and Mathematics GCSE compared with students whose attendance is lower.

Our expectation is that all students strive for **at least 96% attendance**, with every effort made to attend school every day and arrive punctually. Where attendance concerns arise, we are committed to working closely with families to identify barriers and provide appropriate support. Throughout the year, we will continue to monitor attendance closely and celebrate students who demonstrate excellent attendance and punctuality. This will include:

- Attendance competitions and challenges
- Weekly tutor-time attendance focus sessions
- 100% attendance "Week Streak" rewards
- Half-termly attendance rewards and recognition
- Additional incentives and celebrations for outstanding attendance

Please also refer to national guidance on when to send your child to school:

- **NHS Guidance:** [Is My Child Too Ill for School?](#)
- **UK Health Security Agency Guidance:** [Should I Keep My Child Off School?](#)
- Please note that where your child is absent due to illness, **medical evidence may be requested**

If your child is experiencing difficulties that may affect their attendance, please contact us as soon as possible: attendance@humphreyperkins.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Mr K Cross

Assistant Principal – Holistic Development & Attendance Lead, DSL/EVC

Every Lesson Counts. Every Day Matters. Every Student Succeeds.

