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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the 2025-2026 academic year, I hope you all had a good summer and that the new term has started well for you. I know the Headteachers and Heads of School will be writing separately to welcome you back and share some of the successes from last academic year; but as the new year begins, I wanted to write and acknowledge improvement already seen in an important area of focus; school attendance.

School attendance has been recognised by the Government as an area of national importance because of the harm reoccurring absence causes; and as this new term begins, I am very proud that attendance for the year to date demonstrates a dramatic improvement on this time last year. This is important, as it means students are already better placed to develop belonging and access their learning at school. I would like to thank you for the support you have given in enabling this change to take place.

Data suggests that the change to the start of the school day has made a real difference in supporting this too, and we are pleased that the number of late marks has reduced. On record, students who arrive after Registration are effectively absent for the morning session, even though they are on site. This is not good for their attendance marks, but more importantly, it is not good for their learning. As the attached guide shows, absence has a significant impact on attainment, and by arriving on time, students at all levels are immediately in a better position to access their learning. Again, thank you for your support in making this happen.

The parent guide accompanying this letter includes information about school policy, facts about the impact of absence from school, and the support available should you face barriers to securing regular attendance for your child. We hope you find it useful. Equally, we know that life is not always smooth, and importantly, that some children also have regular appointments that mean they need to miss school. If you have any concerns about regular attendance, please contact the Attendance Officer at the school so we can work together to support the best outcomes.

We will continue to monitor attendance for all students, and I look forward to seeing the positive start made built upon over the coming weeks. We will keep you updated, but in the meantime, please keep in touch if we can help.

Yours sincerely



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