

Dear Parent or Carer,

School Attendance Matters and should be everybody's concern.

Attendance at school is more critical now than ever!

There has been an unavoidable loss of learning through the closure of schools during the pandemic and now we need to recover and encourage all our young people that learning is more important now than ever and 100% attendance in school is so important for their future opportunities. We know that pupils attending for more than 95% of the year achieve at least one grade higher than those that don't. We also know how important it is for their social and emotional wellbeing.

There are very few reasons why a pupil should not be in school and it is essential that you, as parents or carers, play your part in ensuring your child is in school on time every day.

Some key facts to think about:

- Attendance that drops below 95% will be monitored closely and you will now be informed of this via a text message.
- 90% is **NOT** good. It is equal to missing 19 days in a school year. Over 11 years of education, this is equal to missing one whole year of school.
- Being late by 15 minutes every day means missing two weeks of learning in a year.
- Children do not need to stay off school if they have mild health problems such as conjunctivitis, a cold or headache.
- Medical appointments should be taken outside of the school day or during holidays wherever possible.
- More information is available on our website: <https://www.damejanet-tkat.org>

I am sure you can see the benefits of making sure your child doesn't miss out and helping your child to attend school every day.

This term we will be introducing some new monitoring systems so that we can track all our pupils' attendance closely and put in more support when needed.

Thank you for **your** continued support with this.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Headteacher

