NIGHTINGALE FEDERATION ATTENDANCE BULLETIN

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New Year, Strong Start: The Importance of School Attendance

Happy New Year! As we begin a new school term, we would like to welcome all our students back and thank you for your continued support. A new year is a wonderful opportunity for a fresh start, renewed goals, and strong learning habits.

One of the most important ways to ensure your child's success in school is regular and punctual attendance. Every school day matters. When students attend school consistently, they are better able to keep up with lessons, build confidence, and develop positive routines that support both academic and personal growth.

Please be reminded to contact the school office by 9:20 on the first day of absence and each subsequent day, identifying the reason for absence. We are legally required to keep accurate records of attendance and have contact **each day,** with an update. The only time this would not apply is when a child is following an exclusion period for illness - for example, children must stay off for 48hrs after sickness or diarrhea.

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. The NHS have some great information that can help: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

There are some illness's such as sickness, chicken pox or scarlet fever where children required to stay off of school for certain periods of time. The school office hold information about this guidance. Please do contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Lateness

Please be reminded that the registers open at 8:45. but the gates are open to welcome the children in from 8.40am so that the children can be ready and settled for the register. If you bring your child in late they may have missed the start of the lesson, teacher input, intervention session or phonics session all of which contribute to your child making progress. It can also be unsettling for your child and the other children in class.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great weekend!