Higham Lane North Academy
ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

Partnership Working- Thank you very much

We would like to begin by expressing our genuine gratitude for the strong partnerships we continue to build between home and school. Your support ensures not only that pupils maintain good attendance, but that they arrive each day fully prepared, equipped with the items they need, and wearing impeccable uniform that reflects the high standards of Higham Lane North Academy.

If at any point you feel your child needs support—pastoral or academic—or if you would like to make us aware of any challenges they may be facing, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can contact your child's House Champion, our SENDCO, Miss Rounce, or Miss Charles, Deputy Headteacher.

Why such a focus on attendance?

We believe that by improving attendance we will -

• Ensure more of our pupils have a happy and enriched life experience

• Enable pupils to achieve more at school academically, emotionally and socially

• Overcome some of the challenges that we continue to face post-pandemic

• Help pupils build positive, long lasting friendships and lead happy lives

• Improve mental health and wellbeing of pupils and their families

• Reduce child exploitation and abuse, anti-social behaviour and knife crime on our streets

• Help pupils and families prosper socially and economically

• Increase chances of success in further or higher education or apprenticeships

• Improve employability of pupils once they leave school

• Improve lifestyles and better prepare our pupils for adulthood and the world of work

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ATTENDANCE
H.E.R.O.
Here. Everyday.
Ready. On-time.

Focus on persistent absence

Persistent Absence is classed as any absence that equates to over 10% of the academic year at any given time. Any learner who appears on the persistent absence list may be monitored by Warwickshire Attendance Services. The thresholds are set out below:

- Close of 1st half-term: 3.5 days in total
- Close of 2nd half-term: 7 days in total
- Close of 3rd half-term: 10 days in total
- Close of 4th half-term: 12.5 days in total
- Close of 5th half-term: 15.5 days in total
- Close of 6th half-term: 19 days in total

Did you know a pupil with 80% attendance across 5 years equates to 1 year of school missed in total!

Medical Evidence The school reserves the right to insist on medical evidence in order to code any absence as authorised or unauthorised and this decision will be made on an individual basis depending on your current and historic attendance. If you are asked to provide evidence this does not need to be a letter from your doctor or consultant, and doctors will not usually provide such letters. It can, instead, be appointment cards, prescriptions, or notes of previous consultations (including from the NHS App).

Punctuality The school day starts promptly at 8:35am. Note that pupils who are not present at lines or in their house room before 8:35am will be marked as late. Pupils who are marked as late will receive a detention that will take place for 20 minutes on the same day. A message will be sent home informing parents/carers of the late mark and subsequent correction. Where a pupil has a record of lateness to school the detention may be escalated. Pupils who fail to attend an after school late detention will be dealt with in line with the school's Expectations Policy.

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to Aquila, who are the first house to achieve five attendance stars by recording the highest attendance for the week. To celebrate this fantastic achievement, they have chosen a pizza party, which will take place next week.

Last half term's attendance reward was a raffle, where children received tickets for attending school every day during the week. They were then able to choose which prize they wanted the chance to win. Congratulations to our winners, who took home shopping vouchers, school VIP packs, and vouchers for a takeaway of their choice.

This half term, students who attend school every day in a given week will be entered into a prize draw to visit our pop-up shop on Fridays. We can't wait to reveal the surprise prizes.