



Haydock High School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Attendance to School

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support to our school and our students since their return after the second lockdown. Our students have been through a very trying time and it is by working together as a community that we can start to rebuild and recover from lost learning due to the pandemic.

With this in mind, I would like to impress the importance of regular school attendance as we have noticed an increase in non-covid related absence and, along with this, a decrease in the number of parents and carers calling the school absence line or providing medical notes and appointment slips.

In order to support student absence, from Monday, 24th May, Heads of Year and Heads of Year Administrators will telephone home on the first day of absence between 9am and 10am to discuss the reason for an absence and to support students on their return to school.

With so much lost learning already, we are conscious that further absence could prove problematic and impact significantly on educational outcomes - especially in relation to end of year internal assessments that are planned to be completed in the final half term of the year. There is a positive correlation of higher academic achievement alongside good school attendance.

Regular school attendance is important in order for students to reach their full potential. The information below is taken from the DCSF National Strategy and demonstrates the possible impact of attendance upon attainment. You will see from the graph, students with above 93% attendance have a 74.3% chance of achieving 5-9 grades at GCSE level.



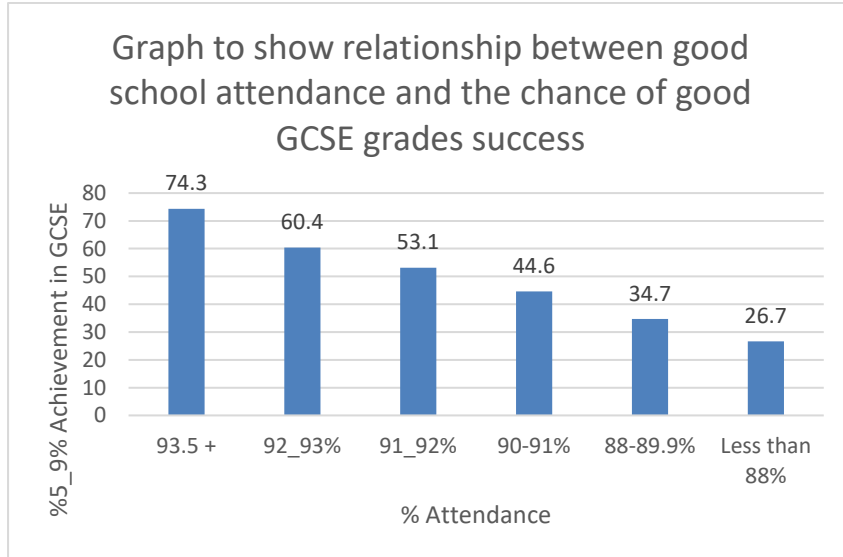
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If a student feels unwell and is displaying non-covid related symptoms and you are unsure whether or not to send them to school, please always decide to send them in with a note in their planner so that we can monitor them carefully throughout the school day. We will always try to keep students in school where possible and sending a student home will always be a last resort.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K Wright
Assistant Headteacher