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Re: Attendance Update

Dear Parents and carers,

We're pleased to say that school attendance has been improving in recent weeks. We are grateful for your efforts and support so far.

Attendance matters because;

- Students who attend regularly achieve stronger GCSE results.
- Missing school means missing vital teaching and support.
- Good attendance builds positive habits for adult life, university, college, and employment all require reliability.

We're working towards achieving attendance levels above the national average for John Mason School.

To help us reach our attendance goal, we are strengthening our communication with families and working closely together. We are now aiming to phone you if your child is absent in the morning, with a possible follow-up later in the day if needed. These calls are simply to check on your child's wellbeing, offer any support you may need, and confirm when they are expected to return. Working together is important, and we truly appreciate your help in supporting us to raise attendance.

Please continue to contact the school before 8:30 AM if your child is unable to attend, by emailing **absence@johnmason.school** or calling the school office on **01235 524664** and select **option 1**. This helps us record absences accurately and ensures every child is safe and accounted for.

Alongside our communication with you, in school, staff are working hard to support good attendance. Tutors and Progress Leaders meet regularly with students to discuss their attendance, help them catch up on missed learning, and celebrate those who are improving. We are also taking every opportunity to recognise excellent attendance in assemblies and through rewards.

We recognise that many students face a variety of barriers to achieving high attendance, and we are committed to supporting families in breaking these down.

We have been impressed with the early successes and are excited to announce that our Governing Body will be introducing a prize to recognise the efforts of students. Students will be nominated for both increased or high attendance by the pastoral teams working with them later this term.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping your child attend school every day. Good attendance makes a significant difference to their learning, wellbeing, and future success.

Best Wishes.



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