

YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS LETTER AS YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE IS OF CONCERN

Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our commitment to improving the achievement of our students, we monitor attendance on a regular basis. The average attendance nationally in schools is 95% and research shows that students who achieve less than 95% attendance statistically will perform at one grade less than expected in examinations. The government classifies anyone with a school attendance of 90% or below as a persistent absentee (PA).

There are concerns regarding persistent absence (below 90%) of students in schools nationally and consequently there are important changes in the law and guidance regarding attendance (as per JCSC'S attendance letter to all parents, a copy of which can be found on the school website under school information). The legal changes are as follows: -

- There will be a new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered. Registers will close at **9.15 am**.

To ensure our pupils gain full benefit from their education our school target is **97%**. We carried out a register check on **PUPIL NAME** and **PUPIL NAME** attendance is currently *****%** which is in the **Red** Zone.



Red – Danger Zone - **Below 90%**

Amber – At Risk Zone – **91% - 96%**

Green – Safety Zone – **97% - 100%**

We will be monitoring their attendance, and we hope to see an immediate improvement. If your child is experiencing difficulties which affect their attendance, please contact Mr Robinson or a member of the Pastoral Team to discuss how we can best support you and your child.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

Jamie Robinson

Mr Jamie Robinson
Head of Behaviour and Attendance