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Primary – Attendance

Dear parent/carers

As we approach the end of our first week back at school, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of attendance and punctuality.

Please be assured we fully understand that on occasion or due to ongoing illnesses pupils may need to be absent however the purpose of this letter is to remind you that attending school ensures the best outcomes for your child. We also feel it is important for you as a parent/carers to feel supported by us if you have any questions or would like further support/advice.

We view consistent attendance (96% or above) and punctuality as essential life skills that directly impact pupil achievement. Any pupil who drops below 90% is classed as a 'persistent absentee' and action may be taken by the school to address this.

At Penshurst Primary School, we aim for the highest possible attendance to support academic success, with 96% set as the benchmark for 'good' attendance. We believe that regular attendance is key to unlocking a child's full potential. It supports not only academic progress, but also the development of strong friendships, self-confidence, good routines, and a positive attitude towards learning.

We believe that aspiration and attendance are intricately linked – learners who are present and punctual are best placed to dream big and succeed. Dreaming big begins with being here.

Please direct any concerns/questions about attendance to
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Yours faithfully

Mrs A Welsh
Trust Leader