

ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

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Why is school attendance so important?

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for students to learn and reach their full potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

That's why school attendance is so important and why the academy is committed to tackling the issues that might cause some children to miss school unnecessarily.

Face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential.

During school time we believe pupils should be in class with their teachers and peers and enjoying all the benefits that brings.



How does attendance affect the outcomes for our pupils?

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

Research found that pupils who performed better both at the end of primary and secondary school missed fewer days than those who didn't perform as well.

Exam stress

Exams can be a challenging time for students, and many students can feel worried and stressed in the lead up to exams. As parents and carers, it can be difficult to know what you can do to support them.

Please see below some tips shared by Place2Be on supporting your child if they are feeling stressed out about exams.

- Look for signs of stress
- Talk about stress and nerves
- Support your child to create a routine
- Try not to add to the pressure
- Make yourself available to listen
- Help them unwind after exams
- Seek additional support

If you are worried about your child's stress, or find they don't want to talk to you, encourage them to seek from our Pastoral Team and or Place2Be counsellor (Alisha Mephram), we can signpost you and or your child to appropriate support.



What can Parents do to support their child going to school?

We appreciate the effort it takes some of our families to get to school on time and we hope we can continue to work with those families that find this more of a struggle. Below are some tips that you can try with your child.



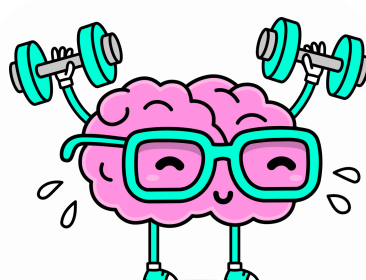
Communicate

Listen to what your child has to say, talk about their concerns.



Ask for help

Talk to the school, let us know your concerns.



Encourage and develop

their resilience.



Routine

Introduce regular bedtimes and getting up times.



Be positive

emphasise the positive aspects of school, being with friends and learning.