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Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance

At Thistley Hough Academy we are constantly striving to enable all our students to achieve their full potential.

Research shows that there is a direct link between academic achievement and regular attendance to school. With this in mind, we want to enlist your support in ensuring your child realises their full ability level, by encouraging them to attend school on a regular basis.

It is a **minimum expectation** that students' attendance is at least 98% over the academic year. The importance of this can be seen in the table below:

Student attendance %	Number of day absent per average week	Number of full days absence per academic year	Number of weeks absent per academic year
98%		4	
90%	0.5	19	4 weeks
80%	1	38	8 weeks (this exceeds half a term)

Sometimes students become ill and have to have time off school, but, please could you ensure if this is the case, it is only in serious cases of illness. Similarly, good attendance can be ensured by making any doctors, dentist or other appointments at a time outside normal school hours and we would request that you do this wherever possible.

The Academy will recognise excellent attendance with regular rewards to encourage our students to strive for 100% attendance.

Should you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please contact the Academy directly, in order that we can best support you and your child.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Reid
Acting Principal