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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance and Punctuality

At Monkhouse we believe all children will be ambitious, courageous, respectful, resilient and kind so that they fulfil their unique potential and become active members of the wider global community. Therefore, it is important that we work together to ensure attendance for all our children is at least good 96%+. We all know that for a child to get the best start in life, they need to receive an education. Good attendance and punctuality isn't just about what happens in school – absence when your child is young can limit their future opportunities, and set up bad habits for work and life.

Why attendance is so important for your child

Research shows that children with poor attendance are at a disadvantage later in life. They often:

- Are less likely to gain good qualifications
- Find it harder to make and maintain friendships
- Earn lower wages
- Have a higher chance of being unemployed
- Have less confidence

Every School Day Counts - The table below shows how much time is absent if your attendance falls below 100%. Any child, whose attendance is below 90%, is classed as a persistent absentee and they will be in danger of missing vital learning and not achieving their true potential.

Danger Zone: 19 missed days over the school year reduces your chances of success. Your SAT or GCSE grade could drop by one grade across all subjects. Are you heading for the danger zone?

365 Days in a year	190 school days in total	Amount of learning missed	Success
100 % Attendance	190 days attendance	0 weeks of learning missed	Best chance of success well done
96% Attendance	182 days attendance	1 week, 3 days of learning missed	Best chance of success
92% Attendance	174 days attendance	3 weeks 1 day of learning	Attendance is causing some concern
90% Attendance	171 days attendance	3 weeks, 4 days of learning missed	Poor attendance we are worried
Attendance below 90% is a cause for concern and a child's attendance is classed as a persistent absentee			
85% Attendance	161 days attendance	5 weeks, 3 days of learning missed	Poor attendance we are worried
80% Attendance	152 days attendance	7 weeks, 3 days of learning missed	Very poor attendance we are seriously concerned
75% Attendance	143 days attendance	9 weeks, 1 days of learning missed	Very poor attendance we are seriously concerned

We will be monitoring attendance weekly and will send out a text message alerting parents and carers if a child's attendance falls below 92% so you are aware of and can address this. Children whose attendance



Monkhouse Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

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Every Minute Counts -The table below shows how much time is lost from learning when children arrive into school late.

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost every year
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost every year
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost every year
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost every year
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost every year

Aim for your child to achieve 100% attendance and punctuality to give them the very best chance in life.

Thank you for your support in this.

LJ Baggett
Head Teacher