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'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding'. (Ofsted)

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Dear Parent,

School Attendance

Outstanding attendance at Hawley Hall High School is an essential element in raising attainment, increasing the progress of our students and helping them to fulfil their ambitions and aspirations. In recent years the Government has reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 10%. Therefore, a student is now considered to be a persistent absentee if their attendance falls below 90%. What does 90% attendance mean?

- **90% attendance = ½ day missed** each week
- Over one school year this is 4 weeks of learning lost
- Over the 5 years at Hawley Hall High School you would have missed half a year
- **17 missed school days** has been shown to result in the **loss of a whole GCSE grade**

Parents and carers are asked to arrange medical and other appointments outside of school hours, except where it is an emergency. However, we recognise that this is not always possible with hospital, orthodontist and emergency doctor or dental appointments. Pupils who are attending appointments during school hours need to bring proof of their appointment into school prior to the day of their absence. Where children do attend an appointment during school hours, please make sure they are in school for the rest of the day.

May I also please remind you that the last day of any term is still a school day and therefore any absence will be classed as unauthorised by the school. It is not acceptable that the last day of term is viewed any differently than any other school day.

Best results are always achieved when there is strong collaboration between students, staff and parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in helping the school to achieve a minimum 96% attendance for this academic year.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Klinck
Headteacher

