

December 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the final stretch of the school term before the Christmas break, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the continued importance of regular attendance.

The last three weeks of term are essential for students to secure the learning they have built throughout the year. During this period, teachers introduce new material, review key knowledge, and prepare students for a strong start in January. Even a small number of absences can disrupt a student's progress and confidence, particularly at this crucial point in the term. Strong attendance not only supports academic achievement but also helps students stay connected to their routines, friendships, and the wider school community.

As we enter the winter season, we are aware that bugs and illnesses may become more common. If your child feels unwell and you are unsure whether they should attend school, you may find this NHS guidance helpful: *'Is my child too ill for school?'* In most cases, we recommend that students attend the academy, where we can monitor them and contact you if they need to be collected. If you are uncertain, please feel free to email kmartin@dixonsng.com for advice.

Families are welcome to leave labelled paracetamol or other medication at reception so it is available in school should we need to contact you for permission to administer it.

We want all students to finish the term on a positive note, and consistent attendance ensures they do not miss out on valuable learning, class activities, and celebrations taking place over the coming weeks.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, or if you require support during this busy time, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming your child to school throughout the next three weeks.

Yours faithfully,

Kat Martin
Assistant Principal