

**March 2025**

Dear Families,

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving student attainment, we monitor attendance regularly. I am pleased to share that our attendance rates this year have been excellent. This reflects the strong partnership between school and families, and I would like to congratulate you all on this fantastic achievement.

As we approach the Easter holidays, it's important to continue prioritising regular attendance. High attendance is crucial for academic progress and future success. It also plays a key role in fostering social connections and friendships at school.

With winter now behind us, we are seeing fewer seasonal illnesses. However, if your child feels unwell and needs medication, please send it in clearly labelled. We are happy to administer it at the appropriate times to help your child remain comfortable at school.

Below is a table illustrating the impact of attendance on academic success:

| <b>% Attendance</b> | <b>Category</b>                | <b>Days Missed per Year</b> | <b>Lessons Missed per Year</b> | <b>% Chance of Attaining 5 Subjects at Grade 5-9</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>100%</b>         | 100% attendance                | 0 days                      | 0 lessons missed               | 100%   |
| <b>98-99%</b>       | Excellent attendance           | 3 days                      | 15 lessons missed              | 94.8%  |
| <b>97-98%</b>       | Risk of underachieving         | 1 week                      | 24 lessons missed              | 98-97%   |
| <b>95-96%</b>       | Risk of underachieving         | 1.5 weeks                   | 36 lessons missed              | 74.3%  |
| <b>93-94%</b>       | Serious risk of underachieving | 2.5 weeks                   | 50 lessons missed              | 74.3%  |
| <b>90-93%</b>       | Serious risk of underachieving | 3 weeks                     | 72 lessons missed              | 60.4%  |
| <b>Below 90%</b>    | Extreme risk of underachieving | 3.5+ weeks missed           | More than 84 lessons missed    | 34.7%  |

As shown, even a few days missed can have a significant impact on learning and academic success. Every school day counts, and we encourage you to support your child in maintaining excellent attendance, ensuring that they arrive before 8am. If you have any concerns or need support with attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me on [kmartin@dixonsng.com](mailto:kmartin@dixonsng.com). We are here to help and ensure your child has every opportunity to succeed.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Let's work together to keep our attendance strong as we move forward.

Yours faithfully,  
 Kat Martin  
 Assistant Principal

