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Dear Parents and Carers

We are now in the 6th week of this academic year and I thought it an appropriate time to share the school expectations in regards to attendance.

As you are aware there is a clear correlation between good attendance and your child's outcomes at GCSE and A level. The more time away from school a student has the less their chances of gaining the examination grades possible, thereby reducing their options going forward and potentially impacting on their choice of further education or career.

At Pensby High School we have high expectations of our students in regards to attendance. As our results have improved significantly as a school, we have seen those students with better attendance gaining the greater improvement, whilst those with lower attendance, even when this is between 90 and 95% have a slower rate of improvement.

As a school we categorise a student's attendance by the following bands:

98% +	Very good
96% - 97%	Good
95% - 95.9%	Average
93% - 94.9%	Below average
90% - 92.9%	Well below average
< 90%	Unsatisfactory, persistently absent

For the vast majority of our students their attendance is good or better and absence only occurs when absolutely necessary and I would like to thank you for your support. However, there are still a number of students where attendance is low and this will impact on their progress in school and life chances thereafter. I am confident that if school and parents can continue to work together and encourage your children to attend school every day life chances for all students will improve.

Thank you for your continued support around attendance, it does make a huge difference.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Rice
Assistant Headteacher, Head of KS4 and Pastoral Lead