

Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure we can all agree, the last academic year was a very testing one. Understandably, school attendance rates plummeted due to COVID-19 related reasons as reported by the Department for Education statistics. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parents and Carers for your understanding, patience and support during such a difficult year.

We are feeling positive and hopeful, the 2021-22 Academic Year will bring more stability and normality for our families here at Tonge Moor Primary Academy.

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend school every day that the school is open, on time, unless the reason for absence is unavoidable.

Poor punctuality is not acceptable. If the child misses the start of day they can miss work and do not spend time with their class getting vital information and news for the day. Late-arriving pupils also disrupt lessons, it can be embarrassing for the child and can also encourage absence. Good time keeping is a vital life skill which will help our children as they progress through their school life and out into the wider world.

Although we appreciate children will from time to time become unwell, or unavoidable matters arise it is imperative we work together to keep attendance above 96% as our school policy states.

To improve our whole school attendance is a real team effort. Parents, Carers, Pupils and Staff all play a huge part in helping our pupils Achieve, Inspire and Motivate. Attending school regularly ensures our playgrounds are filled with laughter and friendships and our classrooms are filled with curiosity, resilience and achievements.

We would like to introduce our new attendance incentives for the 2021-22 Academic Year. Each class will be presented with a class certificate weekly displaying their overall class attendance. This will be displayed on classroom doors to celebrate how well each class has done each week.

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For children who achieve 100% attendance for the half term, the child will receive a token. Our Pupils can use this and 'cash it in for an own clothes day of their choice.' (To be agreed with class teacher).

For pupils who show a great improvement in their attendance, they will receive a 'postcard of praise.'

Posters will be displayed around school to promote how important attendance and punctuality is and how we can work together to improve our whole school attendance.

I look forward to implementing these incentives for the 2021/22 Academic Year.

Yours sincerely,

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