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Dear Parent/Guardian

As we reach the end of the first month back at school, I wanted to write to you regarding the importance of school attendance, which you might have seen covered recently in the [news](#). I want to begin by thanking you for your ongoing support, which means we have had consistently higher levels of attendance at TPS compared to national school averages. We know that sometimes our students cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other students. Medical advice is clear, however, that children with mild illness will most often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance ['Is my child too ill for school?'](#) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

We also know that students fall behind their friends and classmates when they miss school. At TPS we want the amount of missed education to be as small as possible. We believe that our community is stronger together with all of our students in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success.

Finally, we also know that parents can have a significant positive effect on their children's attendance levels, and we really appreciate your continued help and support ensuring that your child comes to school every day so that they can get the best possible outcomes. We want to work in partnership with you to achieve this.

If you are facing any attendance difficulties, please [contact us](#) to see if there is anything we can do to support you or your child.

Yours sincerely

Mark Marande
Headteacher

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS**

**WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE
FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?**

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