



10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

**RE: Attendance at KNGS**

Happy New year, I hope you had a good holiday. I am writing to remind you of Kings Norton Girls' School's drive on improving attendance and the current government advice on attendance. Research shows that excellent attendance improves student's wellbeing, their friendships and impacts positively on how well they are doing at school.

I am delighted to let you know, that the first group of students in years 7 to 11 have received rewards for achieving 100% attendance with 100% Punctuality. Also, the students with the most improved attendance have been acknowledged and rewarded. Thank you also to all parents and carers for their ongoing support in working towards their children achieving 100% attendance and punctuality. The first families have now been drawn to receive either a family cinema or takeaway voucher, congratulations to the winners!

Unfortunately, attendance in the first week of the autumn term was 4% lower than our target. As already mentioned, optimum attendance supports your child to flourish in our school community however, we need everyone's support in improving this with school and home working in partnership to maintain high levels and improve attendance. In line with government advice, students should be in school unless:

- They have a fever / temperature
- They have diarrhoea and/or vomit

Children with a runny nose, sore throat, slight cough or period related symptoms, who are otherwise well, and do not have a high temperature can, and should continue to attend school.

I wrote to you before the Christmas break about Scarlet Fever, I would like to remind you of the symptoms; these include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it should feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. If you think you, or your child have scarlet fever:

- See your GP or contact NHS 111 as soon as possible
- Make sure that you/your child takes the full course of any antibiotics prescribed by the doctor
- Stay at home, away from nursery, school or work for at least 24 hours after starting the antibiotic treatment, to avoid spreading the infection

If your child has the above symptoms and is unable to come to school, please remember to phone school before the start of the school day on 0121 675 1305, leaving your child's name and reason for absence.



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Thank you for your ongoing support to ensure that your child gets the very best from their education. Should you need to speak to anyone in school about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to make contact with your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher