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Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the last 2 years we have been driving our Attendance Matters focus to support students being in school, on time, to as many lessons as they safely could. We are starting this year with another push, focusing on the importance of attendance and how it can really impact a student's attainment, achievement, and well-being.

On Tuesday 20th September, a wide range of resources and activities will start in school to support this year's Attendance Matters drive, ranging from student's desktop wallpaper, postcards for all students, tutor sessions and assemblies to name a few. One of the key messages this year is to embed the importance of attendance and a culture of belonging within the school community. Being in school and in lessons is the best place for all students. We all understand the academic benefits, but also to focus on the extra positive reasons to come to school including clubs, friends, being part of a team or a council within school to name a few. Students developing a positive engagement with school and the school community is key.

Positive communication is also vital to success between the student, family, and school/tutor. We are also asking tutors to have positive conversations with all students regarding their weekly and overall attendance rates. It is such an important aspect of school success whatever year you are in.

The postcard that students will receive early next week can be seen on the reverse of this letter for your information.

Finally, to support our attendance drive we have completely updated our webpages linked to attendance. This is for your information, but also to help parents/carers find any information they might need linked to attendance. The webpages go live on 20th September and can be found via the link below or the 'Useful Links' tab on the left-hand side of the school's home webpage.

<http://www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk/ATTENDANCE-MATTERS/>

We welcome your support in this area and if you have any questions at all, please do contact me on jlampard@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lampard
Assistant Headteacher – Raising Standards



Farlingaye High School

Attendance Matters

School is the best place for children and young people's education and well being.

After the recent disruption we have all had to live with, now more than ever students Attendance Matters.

As a school, all our staff will provide the environment, the interventions and support for all students to be successful.



Attendance is all our responsibility and we want to work together for the benefit of all our young people.

To support every student in this area, we have updated our Attendance Web pages. You can now find everything you might need in one place.

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At Farlingaye High School our ethos is that school is the most important place for students to be. In school, in class, on time learning and being with peers. This ethos is embedded in all aspects of school, and we aim to create a positive environment where pupils want to attend, and where parents/carers want their child to be. Parents and carers play a vital role in supporting attendance and working with families is a core part of our work in this area. We believe in positive communication between school, home and the student can make a massive impact.

We all know the benefits great Attendance has towards our academic success, but look at all these amazing extra reasons to come to school!



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