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Dear Parent/Career,

Hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Last year we launched 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 Monday 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 ensure all students know their attendance rates. Their tutor can and will discuss this with them throughout each term. 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 this letter for your information. I have also added a third slide to provide some 'Attendance Hints and Tips' which we feel over the last few years have been significant to some student's attendance rates dropping at Farlingaye and we want to support all students having the highest possible attendance.

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,

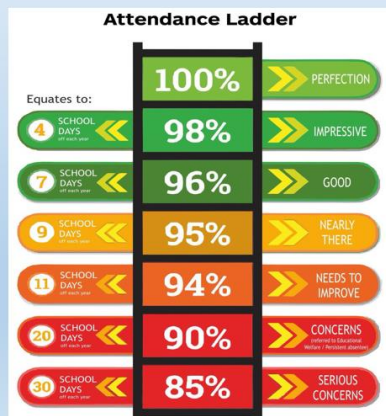
Mr J Lampard - Assistant Headteacher



Farlingaye High School



Attendance Matters



Last year we launched our Attendance Matters focus for all students.

Attendance is such an important aspect to students success, whatever year you are in.

Make sure you know your Attendance Percentage. Talk to your tutor, talk to people at home – It Matters...Attendance Matters.

#BeHereGetThere

Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts with attendance

DON'T BE LATE !

Improve your attendance & punctuality to improve your achievement & attainment!

REMEMBER that only having 90% Attendance means you have...

- 1 day off every 2 weeks!
- 4 weeks off a year!
- Half a year absent from school by Y11!
- You should be aiming for 100% - However, if you're ill, you can't help that, take the time off you need to get better.
- Avoid those days off here and there – they really add up!
- Keep a check on the Attendance Ladder – Keep climbing it!

#BeHereGetThere



Attendance Hints & Tips...



- If you have an appointment in school time, make sure you attend before/after your appointment and don't take the full day.
- If you feel you could give school a go, do, come in, try and we can always give home a call to collect you if you don't improve.
- Make sure you always get 8 hours sleep, drink plenty of water, have breakfast – it really helps.
- Don't let those days off here and there add up – Anymore than 7 days off in the whole year will mean you will never get above 96%.
- If you're ill, you can't help that, you need to get better and get back to school.

