

Dear Families

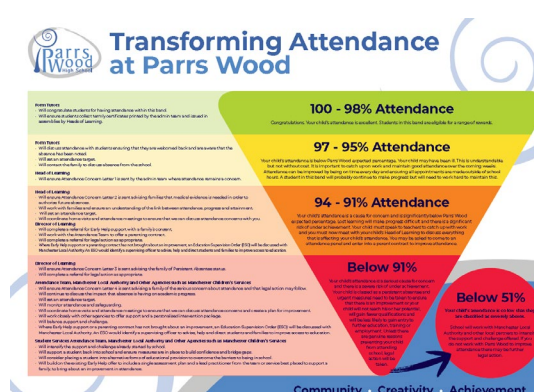
Transforming Attendance at Parrs Wood High School

It has been fabulous to welcome you to Parrs Wood High School this September.

Our core values of Community, Creativity and Achievement, underpin everything we do at Parrs Wood High School. Every child within our community matters and we are committed to ensuring that each member of our community fulfils their individual potential. Without question, the most important factor which determines your child's success at school is their attendance. The link between attendance and attainment is firmly established: those students who attend more have greater access to academic content allowing them to achieve stronger qualifications and, in turn, enabling them to access the pathway of their choice when it comes to higher education, employment or training.

Parrs Wood High School expects all students to achieve at least 98% attendance.

One of the most important changes the school made to its Attendance Policy in 2023 was the introduction of an attendance improvement model – known in the school as the 'Transforming Attendance Triangle'. The 'Transforming Attendance Triangle' will track your child's attendance and place them into a coloured band – green, yellow, amber or red – based on their attendance pattern and percentage. You will receive regular letters showing your child's attendance band and summarising their punctuality – even if your child has been genuinely ill. This is because attendance matters and illness is not without consequences when it comes to learning carefully sequenced individual lessons from different teaching staff. Students in different bands receive different interventions designed to improve their individual attendance and therefore enable them to achieve the best possible educational outcomes.



Parrs Wood High School wishes to work with students and their families to overcome any barriers they may face in maintaining regular attendance and punctuality. We will continue to offer a rigorous combination of support and challenge in line with national changes to attendance policy set out within the DfE guidance, 'Working together to improve school attendance' (May 2022) which has applied to schools since September 2022.

A detailed family guide which explains the changes we are making to transform attendance and punctuality, as well as the support which is available at Parrs Wood High School, is enclosed with this letter.

Please can we ask that you spend some time during this transitional induction period, discussing this with your child so that they are clear on how the Attendance Triangle works. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Learning who will be able to offer support.

Yours faithfully

Parrs Wood High School