

# Horn Park School

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## Importance of regular school attendance

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Dear Parents/Carers,

*"Securing good attendance is not the preserve of any individual. It is the partnership and commitment of all school staff, parents and governors in promoting excellent attendance and punctuality for all."*

With the autumn term in full swing, it is important for us as a school community to remind ourselves of the importance of good school attendance. The pandemic, periods of school closures and regular isolating rules has impacted attendance, which is why it is crucial we now work together to re-establish attendance as a habit.

Attached to this letter is the Compass Partnership of Schools attendance leaflet. This details why good attendance is so important, information about procedures and the impact of attendance that falls below 96%.

### How you can help

- Aim for your child to have at least 10 hours sleep per night
- Develop good bedtime routines – remember research indicates that lights from TV and mobile devices impact negatively on the quality of sleep.
- Ensure your child gets their school bag ready the night before
- Develop good morning routines – ensure your child is washed, dressed and ready before they do anything else
- Ensure your child has breakfast
- Make all non-urgent doctor's appointments outside of school time
- Never take holidays during term time
- If your child is ill, call school as soon as possible on the first day's absence



To raise the profile of attendance for children, we are introducing 100% badges. Each badge can be gained once in an academic year.

- Bronze badge: 10 days of consecutive attendance
- Silver badge: a half term of full attendance
- Gold badge: a whole term of full attendance

This is a new system, and as always, we welcome feedback on it.

If you have any questions about these events, please do not hesitate to contact the office or to speak to a leader on the gate.

Yours faithfully,  
Jack Green  
Deputy Head