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Attendance Expectations 2020-21

Dear Parent/Carer,

North Oxfordshire Academy in partnership with students, home and school has very good levels of attendance which we aim to continue to improve year on year. We thank parents/carers for their continued support with this.

As a school we have high expectations for all our students in terms of attendance, expecting all students to attend on a regular basis. As a school we define the term 'regular' as a minimum of **97%** attendance. In the rare cases that there is a justifiable reason for a student's low attendance it is expected that the parent/carer engage and communicate with the school providing clear information (from involved professionals) explaining the reason for the persistent absence. Research and our historical data show that low attendance has a detrimental impact on progress & achievement. Students are in school for only 190 out of 365 days each. This means there are 175 other days for holidays and evenings/weekends for social activities.

North Oxfordshire Academy has a very clear policy around attendance and what we expect from parents/carer and students. We expect parents and carers to fully support the school by:

- Not booking appointments in school hours. The only exception are hospital and orthodontist (please provide appointment evidence to the NOA Attendance Team in advance of the appointment).
- Not booking holidays in school time.
- Obtaining medical evidence if asked to do so by the NOA Attendance Team.
- Liaising with the school if you feel your child needs additional support with coming to school.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance then please contact Catherine Tyler (Attendance Officer at North Oxfordshire Academy) via the attendance line on 01295 234214 or by emailing enquiries@northoxfordshire-academy.org requesting a call from Ms Tyler with a number provided. I very much look forward to meeting you in the coming months.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Ellie Jacobs
Vice Principal

Principal: Sara Billins

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