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Dear Parent/Carer

Significant volumes of research, including that done by the Department for Education (The link between Attendance and Attainment. 2016), have made the wholly expected link between good attendance and improved academic outcomes.

In the past few years at Temple Moor, we have seen how improvements in attendance and behaviour can indeed lead to better academic outcomes for students, to the point that last year our Year 11 students recorded the school's best ever progress and attainment scores. However, we must as ever, refrain from complacency and remain committed to improving standards in general and student attendance specifically, further.

Details of changes to our attendance protocols, including how absences will be monitored and addressed, are available within the Attendance Policy on the school website. The changes will become effective from Monday, 15 April, upon our return for the Summer term.

We expect students to be in school every day unless they have significant illness, or there are other exceptional circumstances preventing them being here. Minor colds and ailments are not good reasons to miss school and we would encourage students and staff to still attend in those circumstances. If your child attends and gets worse during the day, we will always contact you to discuss and agree the best course of action.

Essentially, we want students in school where they can continue to learn and work towards improving their academic and non-academic outcomes, opportunities and life chances. Every day counts!

Only by working together and utilising the home/school partnership, can we ensure that your child/ren reach their full potential.

With kindest regards

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