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Dear Families,

### Supporting Attendance at King's Oak Academy

At King's Oak Academy, we are committed to ensuring that every student has the best possible opportunity to thrive both academically and personally. One of the most important factors in a child's success is regular school attendance from an early age.

Attending school consistently is not only essential for academic progress but also plays a key role in students' social and emotional well-being. Regular attendance helps students build strong relationships, develop essential life skills, and establish routines that will support them in their future endeavours. Research clearly shows that students who attend school regularly achieve better outcomes at all ages, and we want to work alongside you to support and reinforce this importance with all our students.

We understand that there can be challenges that impact attendance, and we are dedicated to working collaboratively with families to break down these barriers. To support this, we are introducing two new family support schemes:

#### "Let's Talk Attendance"

This is a termly online event designed to discuss key issues, trends, and learning around attendance. It is an opportunity for families to gain insight into the attendance process, explore support strategies, and receive updates on policies and processes around attendance. This session is open to all families across our academy and will provide valuable information to help us work together to improve attendance.

Our first session will be held on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 6:00 pm online**. A link will be sent to all families via email before the event should you wish to login.

#### Attendance Surgery

We are also introducing a fortnightly opportunity for families to book a **10-minute appointment** to discuss specific attendance concerns, questions, or support needs. These 1:1 drop-in sessions, are designed to be supportive and practical, helping to remove any barriers to learning.

Appointments can be held online, via telephone or in person and can be booked by using the following link: [Attendance Surgery Booking](#), if you are unable to access the booking page, please contact your child's school office. Our first surgery will take place on **Thursday, 27 February 2025 between 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**.

We truly appreciate your continued support in prioritising school attendance and ensuring that your child benefits fully from their education. If you have any questions or require any additional support, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are here to help at any time.

Kind regards,



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