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15th April 2024

Dear King's Oak Academy Families,

As the holidays end and term time routines are imminent, I write to you to help make sure we start the new term in the absolute best possible way. We all know how hard it can be to get back into routine after an extended break.

The start of term is another opportunity to refresh our goals and make sure, one day at a time, we are doing the best we can to make every day count. Attendance is key to achieving these goals and gaps in attendance lead to gaps in learning, reduced sense of belonging in school, and missed opportunities for different types of enrichment. National data also shows a clear link between good attendance and good outcomes for students.

We know that as a school we play a key role in supporting attendance, so if there is something we can assist with please do, in the first instance, contact your child's tutor or class teacher.

In addition, please find below some links to other resources which may be of use:

- [Is my child too ill for school?](#) - The NHS's comprehensive guide to when you should keep your child off school (and how long for), and when it is okay to send them in if they are feeling ill.
- [Everything you need to know about school attendance](#) - This link details how absence directly impacts your child's progress.
- [Why is school attendance important](#) and what support is available?
- Members of the Attendance Action Alliance have worked with the Department for Education to develop [this short guide](#) which helps parents understand how they can work with their school and local authority to support their children to attend school and get the right support.
- A [parent workbook](#) to support your child with School Based Anxiety.

Thank you for your continued support in making sure that we make every day count.

We look forward to welcoming all students into the Academy tomorrow (16 April 2024) and seeing them *Working Hard and Being Kind* throughout the coming term.

Kind Regards,



Mrs B Thielen

**Assistant Principal – Head of Inclusion**