


Dear Parent / Carer,

As a new school year begins, we would like to take the opportunity to highlight to all parents/carers the importance of school attendance and its correlation with high levels of academic success. Any absence from school, for whatever reason means pupils miss the vital exposition of teachers and the class discussions which lead to greater understanding and depth of knowledge. Whilst work can be copied up these learning experiences cannot be reproduced and research continues to show that students who miss lessons very quickly fall behind their peers.

The Welsh Assembly Government have set a target of 97% attendance for each learner in schools across Wales and Stanwell is committed to supporting parents and carers to ensure pupils attend school daily. As part of the School's commitment to raising attendance rates we have appointed a new Attendance Officer for September 2019 to work alongside the Pastoral Team to facilitate high attendance rates for all pupils.

We look forward to your continued support in ensuring your child/children arrive in school by no later than 8:30am and ask that any holidays or appointments be taken during the 13 weeks holiday. We appreciate that some medical appointments are dictated by the service provider and these are unavoidable. If your child should be absent from school we request that you inform us each day, so we can maintain accurate student registers.

Yours sincerely



Mr J Mansfield

Senior Assistant Headteacher



Mrs Julie Hodgkinson

Stanwell School Attendance Officer