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**RE: Good Attendance at School**

Dear Parents

I hope this letter finds you well.

I write to you to thank you for your tremendous efforts in supporting your child in their educational journey by ensuring that they attend school regularly and promptly. As many of you know regular school attendance is critical to good outcomes for children and the school has recently been working very hard with our students through in-class assemblies and discussion to better inform them of the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Research also shows that:

less than 40% of pupils in secondary schools with an average of 17 days or more absence get 5 good GCSEs (grades A\* to C) compared to more than 90% in schools with an average of less than 8 days absence.

In primary schools less than 65% get good results in Maths and English in schools with an average of 15 days absence compared to around 90% in schools where the average is less than 8 days. Many parents are surprised how quickly their children accumulate 15 days absence.

We have taken action regarding regular absenteeism and continue to tackle absenteeism and poor attendance at school. I would also like to advise parents that extended holidays during holiday periods are not sanctioned and that as school principal any such case will be regarded as an unauthorised absence.

As one of the school's current priorities I will be writing to parents later in the year regarding the work we are doing on increasing attendance rates.

Once again, I thank all of our parents for their support in ensuring all of our children succeed and achieve the best they can through regular attendance.

Kind Regards

*SS Ahmed*

Principal  
Ayesha Community School