Aughton Town Green Primary School

"Only my best is good enough for me"

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Dear Parents,

Rewarding excellent attendance and punctuality

Thank you for all of your support in the first halfterm in helping to ensure your child's good attendance and punctuality.

As you all know, we have introduced a new reward system where children earn weekly stickers and an end of term attendance achievement badge to help improve our children's overall attendance and punctuality.

I am delighted to tell parents that 90% of the children in the school (that's 270 pupils) managed to get their attendance achievement badge in the first halfterm. That means that these children had 100% attendance and punctuality in at least 5 of the 7 weeks of the last halfterm.

We will be continuing this initiative through the next halfterm so that children who come to school every day of the week and are also on time (before 9am), will receive a special sticker and recognition in our end of week 'Super Star' assembly. This will lead to another special badge at the end of the term.

Why Attendance Matters.

The government suggest that good attendance over an academic year is 95%. Children with attendance of 90% and below are classed as persistently absent (PA). It might seem like 90% attendance is okay—but that actually means your child misses nearly 4 weeks of school over the year. That's a lot of lost learning!

Here's what attendance looks like over time:

	Impact over 1 school year
100% Attendance	0 days missed
95% Attendance	9 days of absence 1 Week and 4 Days of learning lost
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of learning lost
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of learning lost
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of learning lost
75% Attendance	47 Days of Absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning lost

Here are some simple ways you can support your child's attendance and punctuality:

- Set a regular bedtime to help them get enough sleep
- Create a calm evening and morning routine
- Make sure they attend school every day unless there's a valid reason
- Get them to school on time before the playground gates are locked at 9.00am
- Book medical appointments outside school hours when possible
- Let us know if your child is too unwell to attend
- Take holidays during school breaks—not term time
- Talk positively about school and show interest in their day
- Attend parents' evenings and school events
- Praise their efforts and achievements
- Work with us to support any behavioural or emotional challenges
- Reach out early if you have any concerns—we're here to help

Finally, can I just remind parents who do bring their children to school late (after 9.00am when the main playground gate has been locked) to make sure they bring their child into the office and then fill in our 'late proforma' and give the reason for your child's lateness.

We're committed to making sure your child feels safe, supported, and part of our school family. Being in school regularly and arriving on time plays a big part in that.

Yours sincerely,

N. Huxley

Nick Huxley
Headteacher