

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

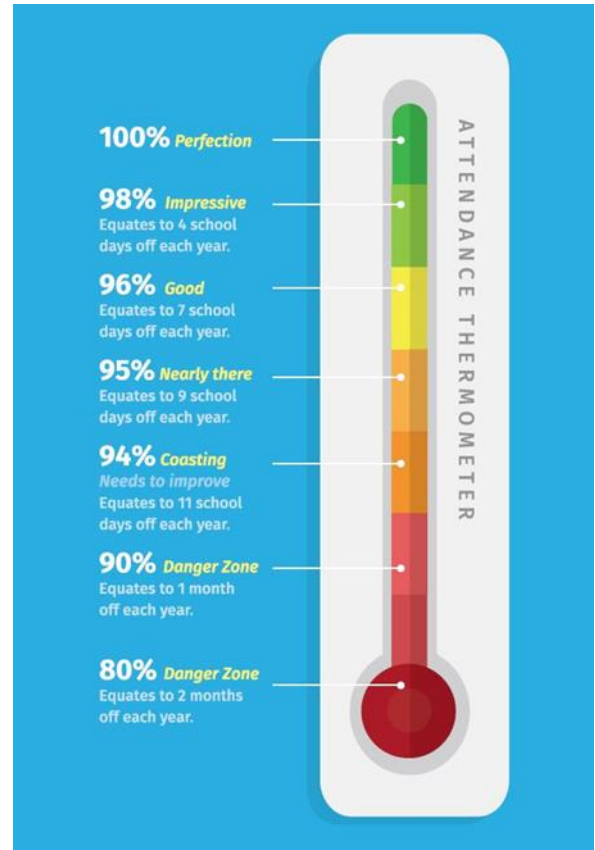
It has been brilliant to see all the students back at school over the past fortnight, and they have clearly enjoyed it too, with more than 1100 of them in Year 7 to 11 attending every single day since we reopened. We've been celebrating 100% attendance even more than usual this past fortnight, as it is a great habit to get into. Well done to all students and their families for getting back into good habits quickly; our whole school attendance for the year has improved each week we've been back - let's keep it going! We know that if students don't have good attendance it leads to:

- Less engagement in school
- Fewer opportunities for rewards
- Reduced access to learning
- Decreased chance of future success
- Impact on GCSE grades.

This graphic explains how many days are lost when attendance % drops below 100%.

As a school we would also like to welcome Miss Stocker as the Year Team Leader for Year 9 and Miss Rhodes as the Year Team Leader for Year 8. Both members of staff are excited to take the year groups through to Year 11 and work in partnership with families to ensure great outcomes for all the students. If you need to get in touch with them please use the email address on this letter.

The mental well being of our students is really important to us and more so at this time than anyother. As a response to ensuring your children are cared for socially, emotionally and mentally, as a school we are working towards achieving the Mental Wellbeing Award and as such we will be asking for feedback from families throughout the coming academic year regarding this area of school support. Your thoughts and feedback are greatly welcome so we can get this right for our young people in the school, community and beyond. Some of our student leaders represented our school at the Bradford Schools summit yesterday to share testimonies from our community from the survey we sent out around Feb half term). The aim is to bring about change for young people in Bradford and our school. We would appreciate your help in encouraging your child to be part of the student leadership group by consistently following our student absolutes and working towards 500+ stamps.



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Please continue to do the testing at home with the Lateral Flow testing kits and let us know of any positive results via the email address on this letter.

Have a lovely Easter break and we will see all of our students back on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April.

Best wishes



Tina Smith  
Headteacher



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