

Friday 05 March 2021

Dear Families,

We are looking forward to the return of our students next week.

Following on from the letter sent earlier in the week giving details of the staggered approach to the students return, we would like to take the opportunity to highlight the area of **Attendance**.

Attendance is arguably one of the most important indicators of school success as the attached **Grade Breaker** indicates. Your daughter cannot learn when she is absent. Students who attend school regularly improve their chances of being academically successful.

King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls' Academy target is 97% attendance.

As you are aware, as per the guidance from the Department for Education, *'From 8 March all children and students should return to school or college and attendance will be mandatory once again from this date.'*

Should your daughter be unable to attend school please ensure that you contact school as early as possible before the start of the school day, giving the full reason for her absence. Remote learning is not available as an option for those who may just feel like staying at home. It will only be available to those who are self-isolating or officially shielding.

We look forward to starting the remainder of this term with the same level of positivity towards attendance that we experienced last term – 'Every student in school, on time, every day!'

Thank you very much for your continual support in ensuring that your daughter attends school.

Yours Sincerely

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