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Subject: The Importance of Regular School Attendance

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to you to highlight the importance of regular school attendance for every child in Tower Hamlets. Our borough is home to a wonderful community of ambitious and talented young people and attending school every day plays a crucial role in helping them reach their full potential.

Why attendance matters

[Good attendance](#) helps children learn effectively, grow in confidence and build strong friendships. Evidence shows that children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve well, secure the qualifications they need and access wider opportunities in later life. Even short periods of absence can have a noticeable impact on learning, especially in core subjects.

Working together to support families

We understand that families can face challenges that affect school attendance. This may include health concerns, changes at home, travel difficulties or housing pressures. Schools are usually the best first point of contact and can work with you to understand what is happening and what support might help. [Council services are also available to support schools and families where needed.](#)

Asking for help early will not lead to penalties. It allows schools and services to work with you to remove barriers and support your child to attend regularly.



Legal responsibilities and the fine process

While our approach is always centred on support, parents and carers do have a legal responsibility to ensure that children of compulsory school age attend school regularly.

Where attendance remains a concern and support has not led to improvement, a formal warning may be issued. In a small number of cases, this can be followed by a [fixed penalty notice](#). This happens only after other options have been explored and is always a last resort. The purpose of this process is to make sure every child receives the education they are entitled to, not to penalise families.

Looking ahead

Each day in school helps build a child's future. It contributes to their learning, confidence and aspirations. By working [together](#), we can ensure that children in Tower Hamlets start each day ready to learn and ready to thrive.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with your child's school to support their education.

Yours sincerely,

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