

10 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Addressing School Attendance Concerns and Support for Families

I am writing to you regarding an important national concern: school attendance. Over the past two years, the government has taken significant steps to address the rising issue of pupil absence, reinforcing the expectation that all pupils should attend school regularly. As a school, we fully support this initiative and are committed to ensuring that every child receives the education they deserve.

As part of this national drive, all schools are required to escalate attendance concerns when pupils are missing significant time from school, either due to unauthorised absences or without a valid reason. In such cases, we must refer families to the local authority's Education Legal Intervention Team, which has the authority to take legal action to address the matter.

To ensure transparency, we are required to share with our school community the actions taken by the Education Legal Intervention Team. Since September 2023, the following actions have been implemented:

Legal Actions Taken:

- Family 1: **£1,009.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£2,018.00** total per family
- Family 2: **£1,000.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£2,000.00** total per family
- Family 3: **£741.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£1,482.00** total per family
- Family 4: **£701.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£1,402.00** total per family
- Family 5: **£701.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£1,402.00** total per family
- Family 6: **£701.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£1,402.00** total per family
- Family 7: **£616.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£1,232.00** total per family
- Family 8: **£290.00** fine per parent due to escalation = **£580.00** total per family
- A total of 45 families have received a **£120.00** fine per parent = **£240.00** total per family

Legal action is taken when a pupil has prolonged absences, accumulates a high number of unauthorised absences, or is absent without a valid reason. To support families in making informed decisions regarding their child's attendance, we encourage you to refer to the attached document: Is My Child Too Ill for School?

Link: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

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Support for Families:

We understand that there may be underlying reasons affecting school attendance, and we are committed to working with families to remove barriers to learning. In our letter dated **27 January 2025**, we outlined the various support services available at Turves Green Boys' School, including:

- **Attendance Manager**
- **School Social Worker**
- **Mental Health Support Worker**
- **Wellbeing Success Centre Manager**

If you need assistance or wish to discuss your child's attendance further, please do not hesitate to contact your child's **Head of House** or **Mrs Sanders, our Attendance Manager**:

- **Austin House** – Mr S Brennan: sbrennan@tgbs.co.uk
- **Boulton House** – Mr D Stafford: dstafford@tgbs.co.uk
- **Tolkien House** – Mr J Kelley: jkelly@tgbs.co.uk
- **Attendance Manager** – Mrs L Sanders: lsanders@tgbs.co.uk

We appreciate your cooperation with this important matter. At Turves Green Boys' School, we are dedicated to working in partnership with families to support every pupil in reaching their full potential.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Till
Headteacher



Mr T Walker
Head of School

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS

