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Dear Parent/Carer

The Importance of Regular School Attendance

At Turves Green Boys' School, we are here to **listen, understand, empathise and support – but we cannot tolerate irregular school attendance**. Regular attendance at school is one of the most significant factors influencing a child's academic progress, personal development, and future opportunities.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers who set the right conditions at home, ensuring that their child attends school consistently and does not miss learning time through unnecessary absence. Your commitment makes a genuine difference and helps your child to thrive both now and in the future.

There is a strong and well-evidenced link between good attendance and positive outcomes. National data shows that:

- **Pupils who attend 95% or more of the time are twice as likely to achieve Grades 9–5 in Maths and English compared to those with attendance between 90–95%.**
- **Only 12% of pupils with attendance below 90% achieve Grades 9–5 in Maths and English.**

Children who are frequently absent not only miss valuable learning but also vital opportunities to build friendships, confidence, and independence — all of which are essential for success in adulthood.

We are proud to say that our school has everything a child needs to develop academically, socially and emotionally. We have a wealth of internal support available for pupils and families, including our Attendance Manager, Mental Health Support Worker, School Social Worker, Intervention Lead, and TIGERS Mentor Lead. This dedicated team works closely with families to address any barriers to regular attendance and to provide help where it is needed most.

However, to ensure that every pupil receives the best possible start in life, we need parents and carers to do all they can to ensure their child attends school every day, on time, and ready to learn. Working together, we can secure the best outcomes for all our young people.

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As part of our statutory duty, we regularly review attendance data. Parents and carers of pupils whose attendance has fallen below 90% during the Autumn 1 half-term will receive a follow-up letter, regardless of the reason for the absences. We recognise that, for some families, absence may have been due to illness, unauthorised term time leave for a holiday, or other extenuating circumstances. Nonetheless, we have a duty to inform and support you in improving attendance where needed.

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, or Option 1
- ✓ **Boulton House** – Mr D Stafford: dstafford@tgbs.co.uk, or Option 2
- ✓ **Tolkien House** – Mr J Kelley: jkelly@tgbs.co.uk, or Option 3
- ✓ **Attendance Manager** – Mrs L Sanders: lsanders@tgbs.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support and attention to this very important matter.

Together, we can ensure every pupil at Turves Green Boys' School has the best possible chance of success — both now and in the future.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher



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Support for Families through Early Help

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At Turves Green Boys' School, we have a range of key staff with expertise in supporting pupils and their families. Miss Brooker, our School Social Worker, works closely with families and external agencies to provide guidance and support with any challenges you may be facing.

The attached flyer outlines the support available through Early Help.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Brooker using the details provided. Should you feel, this support would be beneficial, she will be happy to arrange a date and time to complete an Early Help assessment.

EARLY HELP

AT TURVES GREEN BOYS' SCHOOL

WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

What is Early Help?
Early Help means taking action to support a child, young person or their family as soon as a problem emerges.

- Can happen at any stage in a child's life – from pre-birth to young adulthood.
- For all children and young people, whatever the need.
- Supports families with any problem they cannot deal with alone.

Early Help is about getting the right support, from the right people, at the right time.

Why is Early Help important?

- ✓ Provides support before problems get worse
- ✓ Helps different professionals work together
- ✓ Reduces the need for specialist or statutory services (unless absolutely necessary)

Early Help can be simple advice and guidance, practical support, or more intensive help in complex situations.

What does Early Help look like?

- Friendly, supportive conversations about your child's needs
- Working with health, education, social care or community services
- Using the Signs of Safety and Wellbeing Framework:
 - ➔ What's going well?
 - ➔ What are the worries?
 - ➔ What needs to happen next?
- An Early Help Assessment & Family Plan so everyone knows what support is in place




If you feel your family would benefit from support, please contact:
Miss Brooker
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Food & Energy

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Parenting

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Mental Health

Play



Birmingham Children's Partnership



<p>Edgbaston EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewaysf.org 0121 456 7821</p> <p>Erdington ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk 0121 748 8199</p> <p>Hall Green HallGreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk 07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)</p> <p>Hodge Hill EarlyHelp-Hodgehill@family-action.org.uk 07976 199894</p> <p>Ladywood childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk 07764 977636</p>	<p>Northfield NorthfieldFamilies@northfieldcommunity.org 07516 918 133</p> <p>Perry Barr PerrybarrEHnetwork@spurgeons.org 0121 752 1900</p> <p>Selly Oak EarlyHelp.Billesley@gmail.com 0121 441 4556</p> <p>Sutton Coldfield SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org 0121 752 1860</p> <p>Yardley EarlyHelpYardley@barnardos.org.uk 0121 289 4875</p>
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