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Dear Parent/Carer

Addressing School Attendance Concerns and Support for Families

We are writing to you regarding an important matter: school attendance. Over recent years, the government has taken significant steps to address 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 our statutory duties, we are required to escalate attendance concerns when pupils are missing significant time from school, either through unauthorised absences or without a valid reason. This includes submitting concerns to the local authority's Education Legal Intervention Team, which has the authority to take legal action where necessary.

It is clear that the local authority is now taking a firmer stance compared to last academic year. Since the start of this academic year, we have submitted four cases of inconsistent school attendance to the local authority. The outcomes of these cases are as follows:

- Family 1: Taken straight to court for legal prosecution
- Family 2: Taken straight to court for legal prosecution
- Family 3: Taken straight to court for legal prosecution
- Family 4: Each parent issued a £784 fine due to escalation = £1,568 total for the family
- In addition, a case from last academic year resulted in a parent being prosecuted and required to complete community service.

These actions demonstrate that legal intervention is taken seriously when pupils have a high number of short absences, prolonged absences, or accumulate a high number of unauthorised absences, which includes being late to school. To support families in making informed decisions about 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 remain committed to working with families to remove barriers to learning. A range of support services are available to help you and your child, including:

- Attendance Manager
- Mental Health Support Worker
- Pastoral Team
- SEND Team
- School Social Worker
- Wellbeing Success Centre Manager

If you need assistance or wish to discuss your child's attendance further, please contact your child's Head of House or our Attendance Manager:

- Austin House – Mr A Leiper: aleiper@tgbs.co.uk – Option 1
- Boulton House – Mr D Stafford: dstafford@tgbs.co.uk – Option 2
- Tolkien House – Mr J Kelley: jkelley@tgbs.co.uk – Option 3
- Attendance Manager – Mrs L Sanders: lsanders@tgbs.co.uk

At Turves Green Boys' School, we are dedicated to working in partnership with families to support every pupil in reaching their full potential.

We appreciate your cooperation with this important matter.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher



Mr T Walker
Head of School



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Support for Families through Early Help

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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Help for all families in Birmingham



Birmingham Children's Partnership

Edgbaston
EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org
0121 456 7821

Erdington
ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk
0121 748 8199

Hall Green
Hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk
07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)

Hodge Hill
EarlyHelp-Hodgehill@family-action.org.uk
07976 199894

Ladywood
childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk
07764 977636

Northfield
NorthfieldFamilies@northfieldcommunity.org
07516 918 133

Perry Barr
PerryBarrEHnetwork@spurgeons.org
0121 752 1900

Selly Oak
EarlyHelp.Billesley@gmail.com
0121 441 4556

Sutton Coldfield
SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org
0121 752 1860

Yardley
EarlyHelpYardley@barnardos.org.uk
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