

4 February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

**Turves Green
Boys' School**
www.tgbs.co.uk

Attendance Concern – Spring Term to Date (30–50% Absence)

We are writing to inform you that, for the Spring term to date, your child's attendance currently falls within an absence bracket of 30–50%. This means that your child has already missed significant amount of learning time, which can have a cumulative impact on progress, routine, and engagement with school.

We recognise that the reasons for absence will differ for each pupil and family. These may include illness, medical appointments, family circumstances, or other challenges. We want to acknowledge this and reassure you that we remain committed to working in partnership with you to support your child's attendance and wellbeing.

However, regular school attendance is essential and this the foundation on which success is built. Over recent years, the government and local authorities have taken a much firmer stance on school attendance, reinforcing the expectation that pupils attend school every day unless there is a valid reason for absence. As a school, we are required to monitor attendance closely and to escalate concerns where pupils are missing significant amounts of education.

To secure the best possible attendance for the remainder of the Spring 1 half-term, it is essential that your child is in school every day from now until the half-term ends on Friday 13th February

We understand that some families may require additional support. A range of support services are available within school, including:

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

If you are experiencing difficulties that are affecting your child's attendance, we strongly encourage you to make contact so that we can work together to remove barriers and avoid the need for further escalation.

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If you wish to discuss your child's attendance or require support, 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

We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter and look forward to working together to secure the best outcomes for your child.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Till
Headteacher



Mr T Walker
Head of School

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
0121 483 2890
hbrooker@tgbs.co.uk

Help for all families in Birmingham



Birmingham Children's Partnership



Edgbaston
EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org
0121 456 7821

Northfield
Northfieldfamilies@northfieldcommunity.org
07516 918 133

Perry Barr
PerryBarrHnetwork@spurgeons.org
0121 752 1900

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

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

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

Sutton Coldfield
SuttonHnetwork@spurgeons.org
0121 752 1860

Ladywood
childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk
07764 977638

Yardley
EarlyHelpYardley@barnardos.org.uk
0121 289 4875

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