



# Atlantic Academy Portland

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## Attendance matters

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been wonderful to welcome your children back to school over the past week. We've been genuinely impressed by their enthusiasm, positive attitude to learning, and excellent attendance so far. Notably, Year 7 had 99% attendance and Year 9 had over 97%. This is really great. We know that their positive start to the year is a direct result of your ongoing support and encouragement, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

Regular attendance is crucial for students' success, and it's something we will strive to maintain with your support. Consistent school attendance:

- Reduces stress by ensuring that learning is continuous and uninterrupted.
- Fosters strong, positive relationships with peers, teachers, and staff.
- Ensures that no essential knowledge or skills are missed.
- Helps safeguard students from risks such as exploitation and the potential of becoming NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training) in the future.

We understand that sometimes, if students are suffering from minor illnesses like colds, coughs or sore throats, they might need a bit of extra support. We aim to offer excellent pastoral care and to assist, we can hold small supplies of essential medications like paracetamol at school. If you would like us to administer medication to your child, please complete the Parental Agreement for the Academy to Administer Medication form, which can be found on our website here: [Medication Permission Form](#).

If your child is feeling anxious about attending school, please reach out to us. We are here to support them and work with you to find solutions that make their school experience positive and rewarding.

Thank you for your continued partnership. Your involvement is vital in creating a supportive and successful learning environment. If you have any questions or need assistance with your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact our attendance team via the Academy [contact forms](#) or at 01305 820262.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Clark, Assistant Principal

