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## Attendance Matters

**Attendance 2022/23  
Ribbon Academy Target > 97%**

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we return to life post-pandemic, the Education Secretary has instructed all schools across England to establish a comprehensive and robust plan to tackle absenteeism.

It is proven that when children are routinely absent from school, immeasurable damage is inflicted on their life chances. Therefore, regular, and sustained attendance is a priority for Ribbon Academy where 'Attendance Matters'. Our approach is comprehensive and robust where regular attendance, where possible, is non-negotiable.

At Ribbon Academy, we recognise that the barriers to accessing education are wide and complex, both within and beyond the school gates. We also understand that this can be specific to individual pupils and their families.

We provide a safe and supportive environment, where we welcome pupils and their families. However, we do recognise that some pupils find school more difficult than others to attend. The Senior Leadership and Inclusion Teams are resolute in supporting children and their families, working alongside partner agencies to ensure the correct support is available.

If you require support in ensuring regular attendance for your child(ren), it is important that you speak directly to me or Kathryn Maddison (Family Support Advisor) as soon as possible.

Please find attached a leaflet containing useful information. You can also access a copy of our updated Attendance Policy for 2022/23 which can be found on our website:

[www.ribbonacademy.co.uk](http://www.ribbonacademy.co.uk).

We are committed to supporting your child to ensure that they have access to the best education possible and look forward to working with you across the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Sheridan  
**Head teacher**

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**Acting Chair of Trustees**