

The Duston School

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Re: The Importance of Daily Attendance

We would like you to take a moment to check your child's attendance percentage to school for this academic year on Class Charts. Please also compare that to our school average (Primary Phase – 96%, Secondary Phase – 93%) and National average (Primary Phase – 95%, Secondary Phase – 92%). **Every day in school matters** — consistent attendance ensures that your child can fully engage with learning, develop strong relationships, and achieve their potential.

Even a small number of absences can have a significant impact on progress. Our school aims for every child to achieve at least **97% attendance**. There is clear evidence that links being in school to positive academic outcomes.

To help you monitor your child's attendance, please check the **Class Charts App** under the **Attendance section**. This will allow you to compare your child's attendance with the school's average and identify any areas for improvement.

If you have any concerns or need support to improve attendance, please contact us. We are here to work with you to ensure your child's success.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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