

4 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good Christmas and extend my best wishes for a successful 2026.

Tomorrow marks the start of the new term, and we ask that all students arrive on the yard by 8:35am prompt. Please remind your child that it is week two on the timetable. We appreciate your support in making this happen.

If your child is feeling slightly unwell, please still send them to school. We can provide alternative arrangements to support them, so they stay engaged and don't miss important learning. Each missed day means five hours of lost instruction, making frequent absences difficult to recover from. This can affect their overall progress.

Research is clear: good attendance leads to higher achievement, stronger wellbeing, and brighter life chances. Poor attendance, on the other hand, can hold our young people back. Last year at Jarrow School, 80% of students with good attendance passed both GCSE English and maths, that is compared to just 54% with satisfactory attendance.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Don't miss out on the education you deserve.



We are pleased to introduce our Attendance Team, who are here to work with you and your child to support good attendance:

- Mrs Mordue – Attendance Manager
- Mrs Milburn – Home School Liaison Officer
- Mrs Askwith – Home School Liaison Officer

If you have any concerns about attendance or require support, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team or your child's Head of Year.

We know life can bring challenges, and sometimes absences are unavoidable. That's why we are here to work with you, to support you, and to remove any barriers that stand in the way. But we cannot do this alone. We need every family, every parent, and every carer to join us in making attendance a priority. Jarrow School is a place where every student deserves to thrive, and together we can make that happen.

Reporting an Absence

If your child is unable to attend school, we ask that you:

- Email attendance@jarrowschool.com between 8am and 8.30am to let us know the reason for absence.
- Be aware that we may require further information regarding the absence.
- Understand that you may receive a return phone call or a home visit from a member of staff, if attendance is an issue or more information is required.

If attendance drops below 93%, we may initiate an Attendance Support Plan. If attendance continues to fall, we will consider a referral to the local authority.

Here's how you can help:

- Support your child to attend school every day and on time. Here is supporting guidance from the NHS if your child is unwell - [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)
- Avoid term-time holidays and unnecessary absences.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our students' success. If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Atkinson
Head Teacher