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Dear Parent/ Carer

We are delighted to see the way in which our students have returned to school this academic year. They have demonstrated a positive attitude which will place them in good stead for the coming year.

As you will be aware the coming months are a crucial time in your child’s education and the staff are working hard providing guidance and support to ensure they achieve their potential.

Ernulf Academy gives high priority to improving school attendance and punctuality. We aim to raise awareness and highlight the benefits of regular school attendance.

Given the Covid 19 Pandemic, regular attendance and punctuality has never been more important for our Year 10 and 11 Students, and we greatly appreciate the support of our parents and carers in ensuring attendance at the Academy, not only during the normal school day but at after school interventions.

Current advice dictates the following are symptoms of Covid 19. Should your son/daughter demonstrate any of these, then a coronavirus test should be booked and the student kept at home until a negative result is received or the period of isolation completed:

* A high temperature
* A new continuous cough
* A loss of or change in sense of smell or taste.

The following are not considered to be symptoms of Covid 19 and your son/daughter should continue to attend school if they feel well enough to do so:

* A runny nose
* General cold symptoms
* Sneezing
* Generally feeling unwell

We continue to monitor poor attendance and have a legal requirement to report any persistent absences or irregular attendance to the local authority.

Where possible, we ask that arrangements for any routine medical appointments take place outside of school hours. We understand that sometimes this is unavoidable, however appointments should not necessitate a whole day of absence.

If you have any queries surrounding your son/daughter’s attendance please contact the Attendance Manager on [emma.silverthorne@astreernulf.org](mailto:emma.silverthorne@astreernulf.org).

Kind regards

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