



# Da Vinci Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today we are supporting Comic Relief: Red Nose Day, a worthwhile charitable cause that supports children in the UK and around the world who are facing the impact of poverty. Our school council have arranged for many activities to take place during break time to raise as much money as possible. We are also hosting a joke competition so I hope to be able to share the winning entry with you in my next letter. Thank you to everyone who has contributed by wearing red socks, red noses or has made a donation.

We are committed to providing our students with the best education possible, for this to happen it is vital that they attend on a regular basis. The Department for Education places clear expectations on schools in relation to attendance and processes that must be followed if a child is not attending on a regular basis.

We are delighted to share that we are currently seeing week on week rises in pupil attendance, as such we continue to see the whole school attendance figure increase in line with the national average. The increase in pupil attendance highlights to us that pupils are increasingly valuing their education. We continue to explore ways to further celebrate good pupil attendance. Well done to all our wonderful students who continue to attend on a regular basis as well as those who have made significant improvements in their attendance in recent weeks.

We remain committed to working with families who need additional support to enable their child to attend on a regular basis. If you feel that there are barriers to your child attending as often as we would all like, please not hesitate to contact Mr Keir Mather who is the SLT member with oversight for attendance.

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Please remember that:

- Everyday really does count.
- The NHS have released guidance in relation to when a child should/shouldn't attend school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> .
- If in doubt get in touch with us.
- Being punctual to school is vital in establishing good habits.
- A child with attendance below 90% is deemed persistently absent from school. Evidence indicates this increases the chance a child will not achieve their full academic potential.
- We are here to support, not judge. Please get in touch with us if you think we can support further in anyway.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the parental questionnaire already. With the final deadline of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March please could I kindly ask that you complete this questionnaire, which only takes a few minutes, as this will be extremely helpful to both the Trust and myself to help determine improvement priorities within the school. Questionnaire link: <https://forms.office.com/e/zRjD612DXy>

Finally, may I take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that I offer a Headteacher's clinic every Thursday after school from 4.30-5.30pm, and that anyone wishing to book an appointment should contact Mrs Graham via telephone or email ([emma.graham@davinciacademy.co.uk](mailto:emma.graham@davinciacademy.co.uk)).





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Yours faithfully,

Miss Jayne Scattergood  
Headteacher

## Key Dates

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Staff training day (school closed to students)**

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – school closes for Easter holiday

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – school re-opens for the Summer term

