

### Every Day Counts: The Importance of Positive Attendance

At Jewellery Quarter Academy, we believe that excellent attendance is one of the key foundations for academic success, personal development and future opportunities. We are writing to thank those families who ensure their children attend school regularly and to remind everyone of the important role attendance plays in helping our students achieve their full potential.

Every day at school provides valuable learning experiences that cannot be fully replicated at home. Lessons are carefully planned and build upon previous learning, meaning that when a student misses school, they can quickly fall behind their peers. Regular attendance not only supports academic achievement but also helps pupils develop confidence, resilience, positive friendships and a sense of belonging within our school community.

### Why Attendance Matters

Students who attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Achieve stronger academic outcomes.
- Develop positive relationships with their peers and staff.
- Build confidence and self-esteem.
- Establish healthy routines and habits.
- Be well prepared for the next stage of their education and future employment.

Even occasional absences can accumulate significantly over the course of a school year. Attendance below 90% is classed as **persistent absence** and can have a considerable impact on a student's progress and wellbeing.

You can support your child's attendance by:

- Establishing consistent bedtime and morning routines.
- Ensuring your child arrives at school on time every day.
- Booking routine medical and dental appointments outside school hours whenever possible.
- Avoiding family holidays during term time.
- Informing the school promptly if your child is unwell and unable to attend.

### Working Together

We understand that there can sometimes be barriers to attendance. If your child is experiencing difficulties that are affecting their attendance, please contact the school as soon as possible. Our staff are committed to working in partnership with families to identify challenges and provide appropriate support.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every pupil attends regularly, enjoys their education and achieves the very best outcomes.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Zolna