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Principal: James Harding-Mbogo

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Dear parent/carer,

We are writing to you regarding your child's attendance. To date, your child has met the threshold for Stage 3 which means they have had over 9+ days absence this academic year.

This puts them at serious risk of their absence from school being categorised as persistent absence. Their absence has now reached a point where it is clearly affecting their education. At Nova Hreod students, staff and parents work hard every day to ensure that students at our school have the best possible chance of success. To ensure that we can achieve this, students must be in school every day, learning with their classroom teachers. There is no replacement for this.

Given that your child's attendance has reached a critical point we feel it necessary to remind you of the legal obligation of a parent to ensure that their child attends school, this is outlined as follow:

- Parents have a duty placed upon them by Section 7 of the 1996 Education Act to ensure that their child of compulsory school age receives a suitable education either by regular attendance at school or home education
- Local authorities have the power to prosecute parents who fail to ensure their child's regular attendance at a school (section 444 of the Education Act 1996)
- Schools are obliged to follow the most recent DfE guidance 'working together to improve school attendance' which is in place from September 2022 to further support student attendance to school

Given that your child's attendance has now dropped to a point where you are at risk of prosecution by the local authority we request you to attend a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team on Thursday 27th February. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss any current barriers to attendance and agree an action plan to promote good attendance going forward.

- These meetings will occur on 27th February 2025 between 4.15pm-6.30pm.

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- Please can we ask you to book an appointment at a convenient time for you using the online booking system at <https://novahreod.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. You can also access the system via the Nova Hreod website <https://www.novahreodacademy.org.uk> – just click the “Parents” button at the top of the page, then click the “Parents Evenings” icon. There is also a guide to using the system linked on that page.

Please note: If the appointment slots are full for the member of the Senior Leadership Team you are due to see, please still attend and we will ensure the meeting takes place. Should attendance not improve from this point then we will have no choice but to pursue prosecution for poor attendance. I do hope we can work together to improve the situation as attending school is vital to achieving the best chance of success for your child.

If you received this letter before, it is because you were busy or couldn't attend the previous Attendance Parents' Evening. Please now book into a slot for this one. If you can't make this evening, please let us know and we will look to rearrange after the evening has occurred.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

James Harding-Mbogo

Principal