



23rd March 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We continue to be extremely proud that our school attendance this year is **92.6%** which represents an improvement of **4.4%** from last year. We continue to be the most improved school for attendance in the United Learning Trust.

Attendance Week!

As part of our fourth Attendance Week last week, we handed out the following prizes and competitions:

- Ten merits for 100% attendance in the week.
- 250 House points for the house with the highest attendance.
- Daily attendance raffles in end of the day line-up to win diner queue jump passes.
- Two students per year group will win an Easter Egg for being in school every day this week.
- Creme Eggs to be won throughout the week!
- It's a double points week in the Attendance Premier League!
- If any year group achieves their HERO target for attendance this week, then they will win a non-uniform day this Half Term
 - Year 7 – 98%
 - Year 8 – 96%
 - Year 9 – 95%
 - Year 10 – 95%
 - Year 11 – 95%
- Our next attendance countdown prize is for Rockstar Adventure. This will be a raffle for students who have 100% attendance from Monday 16th March to Friday 27th March.

On our Attendance Raffle Day on Thursday, our attendance was 93.6%, the highest since the 22nd January.



First Aid

During the school day, we have an experienced and well-trained team to deal with essential first aid and support students with medical conditions or issues. It is important that this is used for immediate care and when treatment cannot wait.

There are two main reasons that students may need to access first aid support:

- If a student has a known medical condition, then they are able to access the medical room and the support as outlined in their care plan. Students and families are aware of this plan.
- During PE lesson if a student is injured then their teacher will send the student to be able to access first aid if they need to do so.

On a rare occasion, if a student needs immediate care or treatment during lesson time, a member of our senior leadership team (SLT) will escort any students to the medical room if they need treatment administered. The first aider will then administer treatment and call home if necessary and if required.

We have a robust phone policy in the school and students are not to contact home themselves during the school day. Please do ensure you support the school to ensure that this system is followed. The DFE has recently updated its guidance for all schools to ensure students do not use phones during the school day. In line with guidance, we will be updating our policies in September. More information can be found here: [Mobile phones in schools - GOV.UK](#)

If your child is feeling unwell, a student can only be authorised to go home by a member of SLT. We will contact you if we believe your child is unwell. This is after doing everything possible to support the student to stay in school and continue their learning.

Why Attendance Matters

We understand that missing just one day a fortnight adds up to nearly three weeks of lost learning over a year and that good attendance is strongly linked to higher achievement, better wellbeing, and stronger friendships. Employers and colleges look closely at attendance records - it's a key indicator of reliability and commitment.

Key Reminders

We wanted to re-share some key points below which are based upon government guidance and the NHS website and what has been shared with us as a school.

- **High Temperature:** If you let us know your child has a high temperature, please do let us know what this is. Government guidance states that if your child has a temperature of 38°C or above, keep them at home until it returns to normal.
- **Sore Throat:** If your child has a sore throat, they should be well enough to attend school.
- **Coughs and Colds:** Mild symptoms such as a runny nose or sore throat are fine if your child feels generally well.

- Please note that if your child has had a bout of **sickness or diarrhoea**, please do send them in as soon as they feel fine.

We expect students to be in school every single day, that medical appointments are not booked during the school day and that students are on time and ready to learn. **However, when you send in the reason for any absence, the more detail (within reason), the better to allow us to work out coding and where any further support may be needed.**

If there is a planned absence for exceptional circumstances and you need to discuss this with someone in school, please do contact us to let us know in advance, this can be by email at n.attendance@novahreodacademy.org.uk or via calls to 01793 549102.

If students are not in school or not on time, please expect us to call and contact you in the morning to ensure they come in. We will keep contacting you until we hear something to ensure the best outcome for your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

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