



Moorside
High School

18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

#Team Moorside Update



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Mrs Ryles-Dean - Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another settled and productive week, I would like to thank our families for their continued support in ensuring students attend regularly, arrive on time and wear their uniform with pride. High standards in attendance, punctuality and presentation continue to contribute to the calm and purposeful environment we are seeing across the school.

This week, we welcomed colleagues from the Salford Youth Zone, who delivered assemblies highlighting the wide range of opportunities, activities and support available for young people within our local community. We also recognised Youth Mental Health Day, providing students with opportunities to reflect on their wellbeing. Many students took part by writing positive messages for others and contributing to our worry wall, helping to promote a culture of kindness, support and open conversation.

There is also plenty to look forward to over the next two weeks. We will be celebrating Recycle Week, led by our Senior Prefect Eco Lead, Megan. Students will have the opportunity to take part in a range of sustainability initiatives, including our Plastic Bottle House Challenge, a Book Swap and assemblies focused on environmental responsibility. We are incredibly proud to see our student leaders taking such an active role in driving positive change within our school community.

On Friday 26th September, we will be hosting our first charity event of the academic year in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. Students are already looking forward to getting involved in our charity cake sale, with all proceeds going towards supporting the vital work Macmillan does for people living with cancer and their families.

The cake sale will also form part of a House competition, with each House running its own stall and competing to raise the most money. Students, parents and carers can support this fantastic cause by donating cakes or purchasing cakes on the day. Every contribution, no matter how small, will help us raise as much money as possible for this important charity.

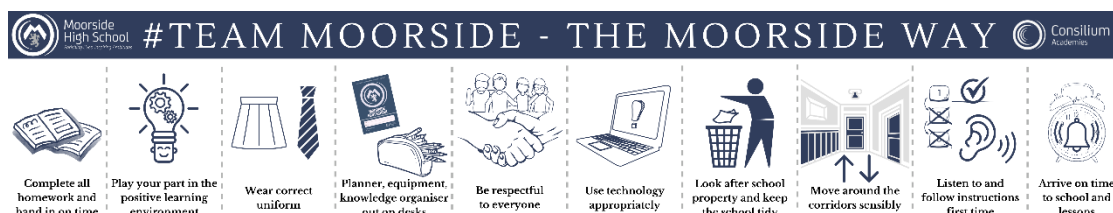
Following this event, throughout October we will once again be supporting our local community through collections for Salford Foodbank and our annual Harvest Appeal. This year, we will be collecting donations of cereal boxes and would be extremely grateful for any contributions. Further information about how and when to donate will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

Last year, we were overwhelmed by the generosity of Team Moorside and the incredible support shown by our students, families and staff. Together, we made a genuine difference to those in our local community, and we are enormously proud of the compassion and generosity demonstrated. We are confident that, working together once again, we can make an equally positive impact this year.

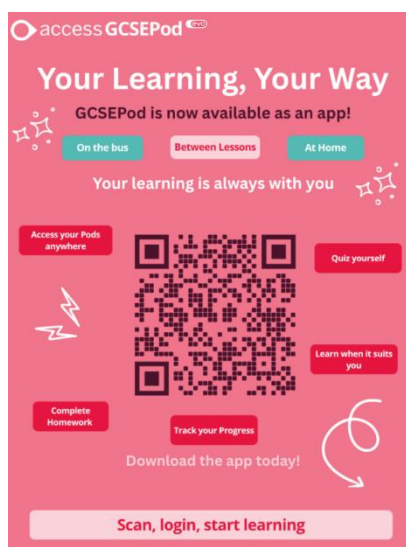
Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us at MHSinfo@consilium-at.com if you have any concerns or ideas to continue to move the school forward.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs H. Ryles-Dean
Principal



Year 11 GCSEPod Launch



This week, students attended an assembly introducing GCSEPod, an online learning platform designed to support revision and independent study. Students learned how GCSEPod provides short, focused revision videos across all GCSE subjects, along with quizzes and progress tracking tools to help them identify strengths and areas for development. Research shared during the assembly highlighted that students who engage regularly with GCSEPod can make significant gains in their achievement, particularly when used little and often throughout the year rather than only during exam periods. Information was also shared about creating personalised playlists and building GCSEPod into daily routines. To encourage engagement, we will be celebrating our top users each week with certificates and rewards. We strongly encourage all students, particularly those in examination year groups, to make full use of this valuable resource.

School Nursing Update: Vaccination Support for Children and Young People with SEND

The School Nursing Team would like to share some new resources designed to support children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) when accessing school-aged vaccination programmes.

The new guidance leaflet has been published to help families better understand the vaccination process and ensure that children and young people with SEND receive the support they need in a safe, accessible and inclusive way.

Information for Parents and Carers This leaflet provides practical advice for families, including:

- The importance and benefits of vaccinations.
- How to prepare your child for an immunisation appointment.
- What to expect during the vaccination process.
- Answers to common questions and concerns.
- Links to trusted sources of information.

Parents and carers can access the resources using the links below:

[Supporting Vaccination for SEND Children and Young People \(GOV.UK\)](#)

[Information for Parents and Carers](#)

At Moorside, we are committed to working closely with families and healthcare professionals to ensure all students feel supported and informed when accessing health services. If you would like further information, please speak with our SEND team or visit the resources above.



Moorside Student Leadership Application Form		
Name:	Year Group:	Form:
Which team would you like to join? ☐ Charity & Community ☐ Health & Wellbeing ☐ Equality & Diversity ☐ Sports & Extra-curricular ☐ Environment / Eco		
1. Why have you chosen this team? 2. What is one idea you would like to see happen at Moorside? 3. What qualities would you bring to the team?		
Student signature: _____		



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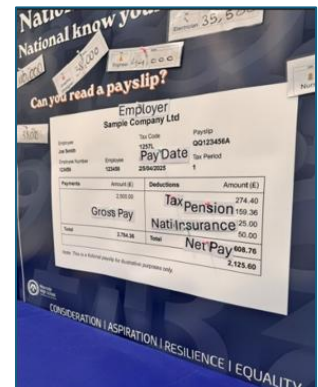
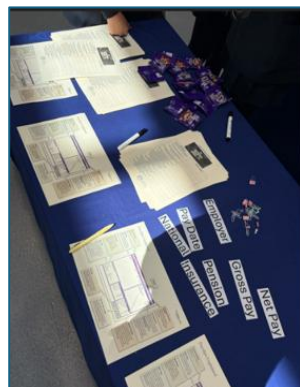
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National Payroll Week & National Know Your Numbers Week

As part of National Payroll Week and Know Your Numbers Week last week, we combined the two themes to create a “Money Matters” stall, helping students develop a better understanding of salaries, payslips and the deductions that are made from their earnings.

Students had the opportunity to take part in a “Can You Read a Payslip?” activity, where they learned about key terms such as gross pay, net pay, tax, National Insurance and pensions. They also enjoyed a Salary Guessing Game, making predictions about what different careers might earn and then comparing their guesses with approximate salary ranges.

The stall also included a Payroll Myth or Fact activity, helping students challenge common misconceptions about salaries, tax and payslips. The activities provided a fun and practical introduction to financial awareness while also linking to our wider careers programme and preparation for life beyond school.



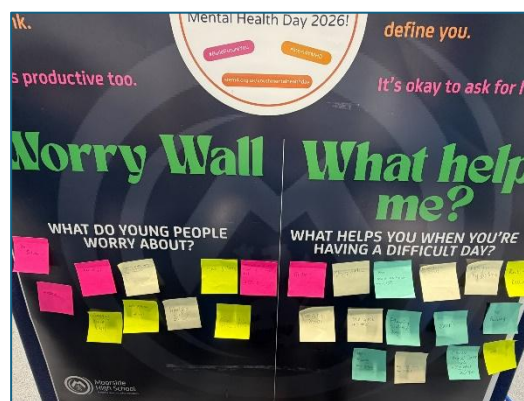
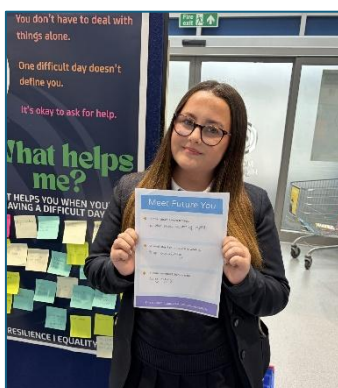
Youth Mental Health Day

As part of Youth Mental Health Day, we created a welcoming and interactive space for students to explore simple, positive ways to look after their mental health and wellbeing.

Students were able to take part in our “Take One, Give One” activity, choosing an encouraging message to take away while also writing a positive message for another student. This helped promote kindness, self-belief and the importance of supporting one another.

We also provided information about where students can go for support, both within school and through external services. Our interactive Worry Wall gave students the opportunity to share common worries anonymously, while the “What Helps Me?” Wall encouraged students to share positive strategies that help them through difficult days, such as talking to someone, listening to music, spending time with friends or taking a break.

The week was a great opportunity to remind students that looking after our mental health is important, asking for help is a strength, and no one has to face things alone.



Year 7 Settling In Clinics

We know that moving to secondary school is an exciting milestone, and we are committed to ensuring that every student feels happy, supported, and successful from the very beginning. Key members of the team will be available from 15:30-16:30 on Thursday 24th September, to support with any settling-in concerns. If you would like to attend, please register your interest here: [Year 7 Settling In Clinics](#)

PSHE This Half Term

As part of our commitment to supporting students' personal development, wellbeing and preparation for the future, students are exploring a range of age-appropriate topics through their PSHE curriculum this half term.

- **Year 7 – Transition to TEAM Moorside**
Supporting students as they settle into secondary school, develop positive relationships and understand our values and expectations.
- **Year 8 – Staying Safe Online & Offline: A Dangerous Society**
Exploring personal safety, online risks, peer influence and strategies to make safe and informed decisions.
- **Year 9 – Life Beyond School: Financial Literacy**
Developing an understanding of money management, budgeting, saving and the financial responsibilities students will encounter in adult life.
- **Year 10 – Mental Health and Wellbeing**
Focusing on emotional wellbeing, resilience, healthy coping strategies and knowing how and where to access support.
- **Year 11 – Your Future and Beyond**
Preparing students for their next steps through careers education, post-16 pathways, employability skills and future planning.

We encourage parents and carers to discuss these topics at home, helping to reinforce the knowledge and skills students are developing through their PSHE lessons. Together, we can ensure our young people are well prepared for life both in and beyond school.

Open Evening – Thursday 8th October

We are delighted to share that our **Whole School Open Evening** will take place on **Thursday 8th October**. This is always one of the highlights of our school calendar, as we welcome prospective Year 5 and Year 6 students and their families to experience life at Moorside High School.

The evening provides a fantastic opportunity to showcase our vibrant school community, celebrate the excellent learning, enrichment and personal development opportunities available to our students, and give visiting families a real insight into what it means to be part of **Team Moorside**.

We are incredibly proud of our students and would love as many of them as possible to play a role in the event, whether as student guides, department ambassadors or by supporting activities and demonstrations throughout the evening. Further information will be shared with students in the coming weeks, but we encourage parents and carers to discuss the opportunity with their children and consider how they might get involved. Their enthusiasm, confidence and pride in our school help make our Open Evening such a memorable and successful event each year.



The poster for Moorside High School's Open Evening features the school's crest and logo at the top left, with the text 'Moorside High School' and 'Proud to be part of Consilium Academies' at the top right. The main title 'OPEN EVENING' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters. Below this, the date and time 'Thursday 8th October 2026 | 4:30pm - 7:00pm' are listed. A paragraph of text describes the event, stating that staff and students are thrilled to invite parents and prospective students to experience the school's offerings and 'The Moorside Way'. The central part of the poster is a collage of nine small images showing various school activities: students in a science lab, a student reading, students in a music room, a student playing a sport, a student in a classroom, a student in a library, a student in a garden, a student in a sports hall, and a student in a classroom. At the bottom, the text 'Principal's Talk in the Sports Hall: 5:00pm & 6:00pm' is displayed, followed by parking information: 'Parking available off the East Lancashire Road, 57 Deans Road | Swinton | Salford | M27 0AP'.

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OPEN EVENING

Thursday 8th October 2026 | 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Staff and students at Moorside High School are thrilled to invite you to our 2026 Open Evening. On the evening, prospective parents and students can get a real feel for what the school offers and 'The Moorside Way'.

Principal's Talk in the Sports Hall: 5:00pm & 6:00pm
Parking available off the East Lancashire Road,
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Would you wear smart glasses?

Each Friday during PD time, students will take part in a VotesforSchools session, exploring a new topical question before casting their vote. The sessions encourage students to stay informed about current issues, consider different perspectives and have their voices heard.



This week, students explored the question: ***“Would you wear smart glasses?”***

Students considered some of the ways smart glasses could be used and discussed both the potential benefits and concerns. They explored how smart glasses could provide real-time translations, potentially make travel easier, support accessibility for some disabled people, and possibly reduce the amount of time we spend looking at our phones.

However, students also considered concerns around privacy. Smart glasses may include cameras and microphones, raising questions about whether people could be recorded without their knowledge or consent. This encouraged students to think about responsible use of technology and the importance of respecting other people's privacy.

The session highlighted that new technology can bring both opportunities and challenges, and that it is important to think critically about how technology is designed and used.

Students then cast their vote, giving them an opportunity to have their say on this current issue.

Questions to Discuss at Home

- What could smart glasses be useful for?
- What are some potential benefits and disadvantages?
- What concerns might people have about privacy?
- Should people have to give permission before being recorded?
- Would you wear smart glasses? Why or why not?

Further Reading

If you would like to continue the conversation at home, the following resources provide useful information about technology, online safety and privacy:

- [VotesforSchools](#) – Find out more about the weekly programme and how it gives young people opportunities to discuss current issues and have their say.
- [Internet Matters](#) – Practical advice for parents and carers about children's use of technology, online safety, privacy and digital wellbeing.
- [Childnet](#) – Resources for young people, parents and carers about staying safe and making positive choices when using technology and the internet.
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) – Advice and resources to help children, young people, parents and schools understand online safety and responsible technology use.

Safeguarding Update:

Medication on site

No child under the age of 16 should be given prescription or non-prescription medicines without Parent/Carer written consent. School should obtain written Parental/Carer consent for each medicine that is to be administered in school.

Reminders:

- Please keep medications in their original containers. Never send medication to school in envelopes, foil, plastic bags or unlabelled bottles.
- Please inform a member of staff if your child is in possession of medication. We recommend this is left at reception and a form signed to consent to this being consumed on site – this includes paracetamol, ibuprofen and antihistamines.
- Please remind your child that they are not to provide or share any medication with their peers. This includes paracetamol.
- If your child has prescription medication to be administered in school, please inform a member of the Pastoral Team/Office staff and the student will be able to self-administer this, supervised by staff following written consent.



Key Dates:

Friday 25 th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 8 th October	Open Evening
Wednesday 14 th October	Careers Fair
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 7 Parents Evening
Friday 23 rd October	School Closes for Half Term 14:55

All term dates for the 2026-2027 academic year can be found on the school website or by [clicking here](#)

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Year 11 Careers Information

Year 11 City Skills College Application Support Session

We would like to make parents and carers aware of an additional support opportunity for Year 11 students interested in applying to City Skills College.

Following the challenges experienced last year, where courses became oversubscribed and applications were processed on a first come, first served basis, Mr Farmer is offering an early application support session for students only, to help students complete their applications as soon as possible.

Application Support Session

- Tuesday 22 September
- 3:00pm to 4:00pm
- A111/A112 (IT Rooms)

The session will be led by our careers team, and we are delighted that Clare Jolly from City Skills College will also be attending to provide guidance and support throughout the application process.

We strongly encourage any Year 11 student considering a City Skills College course to attend this session to ensure they are well placed to secure their preferred pathway. If your child is interested in applying, please encourage them to take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

Y11s: Information for College & Sixth Form open events

Open Events are really important to attend if you are thinking of doing further studies after your GCSEs. It is your chance to RESEARCH different places and courses and find out what options are best for **YOU**.

Even if you are not thinking of this pathway (for example if you want to do an apprenticeship instead) it is still important to consider researching colleges or sixth form as a backup plan; so still try and visit a few places!

- Before you attend an open event, it is a good idea to do some research first – check on the college or sixth form website to see if they offer the courses you are interested in – this can also help explore different options if you are not sure what courses you want to do yet
- You can attend as many open events as you like – in fact, it is a good idea to attend at least 2 or 3 different places so you can make a fair comparison
- You are welcome to bring along family members and friends (*just double check college websites in case you need to register for tickets!*)
- Make sure you ask lots of questions – for example you might have questions about different courses, about the **entry requirements** (what GCSE grades you might need) or questions on careers or university. **Don't be afraid to ask the colleges if you have any questions or worries – they will be happy to help! ☺**
- There is no commitment to apply to a college or sixth form at an open event, though you may be able to do this on the day if you wish (college application deadlines are typically around Christmas time and you can request support with this in school)

Careers Advice & Guidance

All Year 11 pupils will be offered a

Careers Guidance Meeting with

Mr Farmer or Miss Farooq (the school careers advisers) from September 2026 onwards to discuss future plans after school.

Mr Farmer is available in Moorside High

Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and is based in the Careers Office (2nd floor, Next to B202 Music room – near Humanities!)

To request a meeting, students can ask Mr Farmer or Miss Farooq in school or ask your form teacher to request this for you. You can also request a meeting through Mrs Chrimes, Head of Year 11.

Year 11 Parents & Carers are also welcome to contact Mr Farmer for any help or support – Mr Farmer can be contacted at school via phone (0161 804 4022) or by email – simon.farmer@consilium-at.com.





College & Sixth Form Open Events 2026-2027



Please always check college websites before events for booking details or changes.

Family & Friends are welcome to attend!

SALFORD CITY COLLEGE (5 CENTRES ACROSS SALFORD)

Please book via college website

Pendleton Sixth Form College

Saturday 19th September 2026, 10.00am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 22nd October 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

City Skills Centre

Monday 5th October 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Saturday 14th November 2026, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Eccles Sixth Form College

Wednesday 30th September 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 12th November 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Loreto College

Sat 10th October 2026 - 10am - 12pm OR 1pm - 3pm
Sun 18th October 2026 - 10am - 12pm OR 1pm - 3pm

Please book via website

Xaverian College

Sat 10th October 2026 - 10:30am – 2:00pm
Sun 18th October 2026 - 10:30am – 2:00pm

Please book via website

The Sixth Form Bolton

Sat 10th October 2026 – 10.00am – 1.30pm
Sat 21st November 2026 – 10.00am – 1.30pm

Please book via website

Winstanley College

Sat 3rd October 2026 – 9.30am - 12.30pm
Wed 21st October 2026 – 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Thu 12th November 2026 – 5.00pm - 8.00pm
Wed 13th January 2027 – 5.00pm – 8.00pm

Please book via website

Urmston Grammar Sixth Form

Wed 11th November 2026* – 6.00pm – 8.30pm
****Provisional – Please check & book via website***

Trafford College

Sat 10th October 2026 - 10.00am-2.00pm
Please book via college website.

UTC – Media City UK

Thu 22nd October 2026 – 5.00pm – 7.30pm
Please book via college website.

Worsley College

Tuesday 6th October 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 10th November 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Future Skills @ MediaCityUK

Wednesday 7th October 2026, 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Saturday 7th November 2026, 10.00am – 12.00pm

Access Creative College (Manchester)

Sat 17th October 2026 – 11.00am – 2.00pm
Sat 28th November 2026 – 11.00am – 2.00pm
Sat 23rd January 2027 – 11.00am – 2.00pm

Please book via college website

Bolton College

Wed 14th October 2026 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Tue 17th November 2026 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Mon 11th January 2027 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Mon 8th February 2027 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Thu 11th March 2027 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Tue 11th May 2027 – 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Please book via college website

The Manchester College

Tue 6th October 2026 – 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Sat 14th November 2026 – 10.00am - 1.00pm
Thu 5th March 2027 – 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Please book via college website

ADA Manchester (National College for Digital Skills)

Thu 1st October 2026 – 5.00pm-7.30pm
Tue 17th November 2026 – 5.00pm-7.00pm

Please book via college website

The Growth Company GM Skills Centre, Trafford

(Pre-Apprenticeships in Construction trades & Automotive)

Thu 22nd October 2026 - 4pm - 6pm
Thu 10th December 2026 - 4pm - 6pm
Thu 28th January 2027 - 4pm - 6pm
Thu 11 March 2027 - 4pm - 6pm
Thu 29 April 2027 - 4pm - 6pm
Thu 10th June 2027 - 4pm - 6pm

No booking required

Mobile Phones

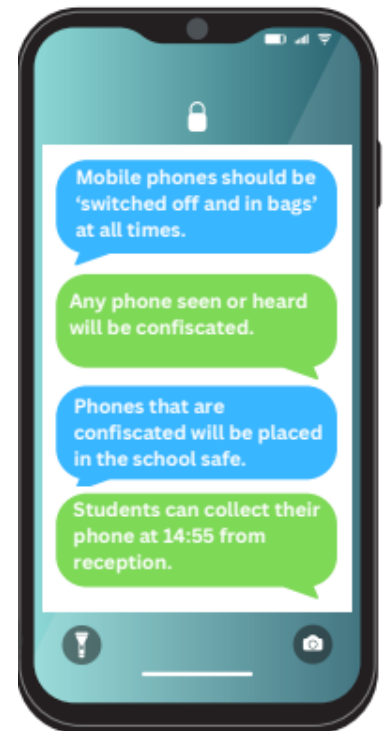
A reminder that Moorside High School operates a mobile-free environment during the school day.

What the law says:

The **Department for Education's updated statutory guidance requires all schools in England to operate as mobile-free environments by default.** Phones are prohibited throughout the entire school day, including lessons, breaktimes, and lunchtimes, with exceptions permitted only for specific medical or individual needs.

If a student breaches the mobile-free policy, the school will:

- **First or second offence:** The device will be confiscated and can be collected by the student from Reception at the end of the school day.
- **Following the second offence:** A letter will be sent home reminding parents and carers of the school's expectations regarding mobile phone use and advising that any further breaches will result in additional consequences.
- **Third offence:** The device will be confiscated, and a parent or responsible adult will be required to collect it from school. **The device will not be returned directly to the student.**



We appreciate the support of parents and carers in reinforcing this expectation, which allows students to focus fully on learning and social interaction throughout the school day.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance remains one of the most important factors in determining student success.

When reviewing our Class of 2026 results, we saw a very strong correlation between high attendance and strong outcomes. Students who attended school regularly gave themselves the greatest opportunity to achieve their full potential.

We therefore ask for your continued support in ensuring students attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.

Punctuality is equally important. Students go directly to Period 1 at the start of the day, meaning that any late arrival results in missed learning.

All students should be on site by 8:25am each morning so they are ready to begin learning promptly.

What Happens If Attendance Begins to Decline?

96%+ Attendance	• Attendance is monitored by Form Tutors. • Students may receive rewards for excellent attendance.
94% - 95.9% Attendance (Initial Concern)	• A letter and attendance certificate may be sent home. • Supportive conversations take place with students and families. • Where appropriate, referrals can be made to additional support services.
92% - 93.9% Attendance (Stage 1)	• Further contact is made with families. • Attendance is closely monitored. • Additional support and intervention are offered.
90% - 91.9% Attendance (Stage 2)	• Parents/carers may be invited to attend an attendance meeting. • An attendance action plan may be agreed.
Below 90% Attendance (Stage 3)	• Attendance concerns may be referred to the Education Welfare Officer. • Formal attendance procedures may be considered if attendance does not improve despite support being offered.

Together We Can Make Every Day Count
"Every lesson matters. Every day counts."