



12 October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the winter season, we would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly. While we appreciate that seasonal coughs, colds and flu can affect attendance at this time of year, attending school every day possible has a significant positive impact on students' learning, wellbeing and sense of belonging.



We encourage families to make every effort to maintain good attendance throughout the winter months. Even a small number of missed school days can quickly add up and impact learning. Our ambition is for every student to achieve attendance of 96% or above, enabling them to fully benefit from their education and school experiences. Attendance below this level can begin to have a measurable impact on learning and progress.

We understand that deciding whether a child is well enough to attend school can sometimes be difficult. The NHS provides excellent guidance to help parents decide whether a child should attend school ([Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)). If you are uncertain, please contact our Attendance Officer, who will be happy to discuss your child's circumstances.

If your child is genuinely too unwell to attend school, please report their absence by 8.30am to our Attendance Officer, providing details of their illness (please email: attendance@sohamvc.org or telephone: 01353 724100 - Option 1).



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Further information about attendance, reporting absence and term-time leave can be found on our Attendance page: [Soham Village College Attendance Information](#).

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,
David Clarke
Principal
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