

1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer 1 Week 2

### Attendance: New recording and monitoring system

I am writing to you this week to inform you that we are introducing a new way of recording and monitoring attendance via a new system called **'Attend'**.

We have communicated our firm beliefs with parents, that regular school attendance is vital for children's growth, not just academically, but also socially and emotionally. It's in the classroom where friendships are forged, ideas are exchanged, and lifelong skills are honed. Every day missed represents a missed opportunity for your child to engage with their peers, teachers, and the diverse learning experiences we offer.

School attendance has become a national concern, there is clear evidence that good attendance is linked with academic success, improved social skills and overall well-being. We are committed to fostering a culture of consistent attendance, ensuring that your child has every opportunity to thrive, but we understand that life can sometimes throw unexpected challenges, and there may be barriers to regular attendance.

We will start to use the Attend system to communicate with you about your child's attendance from next week, Tuesday 6th May, and we will do this via your email and mobile phone. We know that these can change quite frequently so **please can you ensure that we have your correct email address and mobile phone number on our school system.** To update us of any recent changes, please email your updated details, including your child/children's name and year group to [OrrM@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:OrrM@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk)

The messages from **Attend** will appear separately from our main school communication system so please do look out for these text and emails and acknowledge them to help reduce follow-up calls. If you haven't already, please get in touch with us to see how we can provide support.

We seek your support to help instil resilience and determination in your child, ensuring they succeed both academically and personally while enjoying their time at school. We are committed to supporting you in overcoming any barriers to attendance. Should your child be unable to attend for any reason, we request that you notify us promptly by contacting our attendance team.

 **CARING, LEARNING  
AND SUCCEEDING**

## PHSE & RHSE Parent Consultation

Just a reminder that our Parent Consultation on PSHE & RSHE closes on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like to send a response, please use the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=LdOOSQm98kiE5idValT7B2DwvmR2CJFFp28hQYqvpl1URVQ3SExMTVAwN1BPUEQ0Sk1FMIM5SkxXTS4u&route=shorturl>

## Congratulations!

I want to offer massive congratulations to Miss Lindsay and to her year 8 pupils. At the start of the spring term, Miss Lindsay set her year group a challenge. In their forms, they were challenged to come up with fun, creative fundraising ideas that they would complete during the half term. The reason? Miss Lindsay was set to run the 2026 TCS London Marathon and had vowed to raise as much money as she could for MIND, the mental health charity.

From 'Pie the Teacher' to Mr Rimmington's head shave to Easter egg hunts and cake sales, penalty shoot outs and inter-rom football matches, Year 8 and their form tutors put an incredible amount of time, effort, and genuine care into raising as much money as they could.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Miss Lindsay successfully completed the London Marathon, having raised over £1300 for MIND.

We are so proud of Miss Lindsay, and of Year 8 for their commitment and enthusiasm throughout last half term, as well as the care and compassion they have shown to such an amazing and important cause. Well done to all of them!

## Reminder

School is closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May for the Bank Holiday and reopens as normal on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. We hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely  
*Jane Galbraith*  
Headteacher

