**Nottingham Attendance Week of Action 2025**

**The Story of Amir the Attender**

Today, I’m going to tell you about a boy named Amir. Amir isn’t just any boy - he is known as Amir the Attender! Can you guess why?

***Take responses***

Exactly! Amir is known for his excellent attendance at school.

Amir doesn’t just show up at school—he makes sure he is prepared, focused, and ready to succeed.

Amir understands that being ready for school doesn’t start in the morning; it begins the night before. Each evening, Amir plans ahead.

What do you think Amir does to get ready the night before school?

***Take responses***

Yes! Amir always packs his bag, making sure he has his reading book, his homework, and his PE kit if he needs it. He lays out his uniform, so he doesn’t waste time in the morning. And of course, he sets his alarm to wake up on time.

But Amir doesn’t stop there. He knows that a good day starts with a good night’s sleep. So, he makes sure to go to bed early. Why do you think it’s important for Amir to get a good night’s sleep?

***Take responses***

Exactly! Amir knows that a well-rested brain is better at solving problems and remembering learning.

In the morning, when Amir’s alarm goes off, he gets up right away. He has a healthy breakfast. Why is it important to have a healthy breakfast? What sorts of healthy foods can Amir have?

***Take responses***

A healthy breakfast gives Amir the energy and focus he needs for a full day of learning.

On the way to school, Amir sees his friend Samira. She looks upset.

Amir says: “Hi, Samira. What’s wrong?”

“I’m feeling nervous about the maths test today. I don’t think I’ll do well.” Samira replies

Amir says “I understand how you feel. But remember, going to school gives us the chance to improve. You can always ask the teacher for help if you’re stuck. It’s going to be okay. Do you want to walk with me?”

Amir’s encouragement makes Samira feel better. She decides to try her best with the test and explains to the teacher how she is feeling. The teacher helps Samira with her worries.

At school, Amir makes the most of his day. He asks questions when he doesn’t understand something, joins in with group activities, and helps a classmate who is struggling with their work. By the end of the day, he feels proud of everything he has achieved.

As he is leaving, his teacher comments: “Great work today, Amir! Thank you for helping others and being focused. Keep it up!”

Why is it good for Amir to attend school every day?

***Take responses***

Those are great ideas. By coming to school every day, Amir is able to build strong friendships. He looks forward to playing football with his friends at break time and working on group projects together. These friendships make school a fun and exciting place for him.

He can build his confidence too. Every time Amir learns something new or overcomes a challenge, he feels proud. This confidence shows in everything he does, from presenting his ideas in class to helping his friends.

By coming to school, Amir makes sure he learns as much as he can. He can also get help from trusted adults in school if he needs it.

So, we’ve heard about Amir the Attender and what he does to attend school regularly. Let’s recap on some of the things Amir does to prepare.

***Take responses***

Like Amir, we can all plan ahead, take care of our health, support each other, and build our confidence by attending school every day. Let’s aim to be like Amir the Attender and make every school day count.

The End