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Dear Parent or Carer,

### **Re: Whole-School Attendance Support.**

As we approach the end of the academic year, we wish to take a moment to reflect on the importance of consistent school attendance and punctuality, and how they contribute to your child's academic success and personal development.

#### **Commitment to Support All Families**

We are writing to all families across the school, irrespective of your child's current attendance, to offer support in removing any potential barriers to regular school attendance. While much of our time is spent engaging with families whose child's attendance levels are a cause for concern, we recognise that even students with high attendance may face daily challenges in attending school. Therefore, we want to ensure all parents are aware that our support is available to all students across our school community.

#### **The Importance of Regular Attendance**

Research consistently demonstrates a strong link between good school attendance and higher academic achievement. A recent Department for Education report indicates that pupils with 95–100% attendance are 1.3 times more likely to reach the expected standard in reading, writing, and maths at Key Stage 2 (KS2) compared to those with 90–95% attendance.

Missing just 10 days in Year 6 reduced the likelihood of reaching the expected standard by approximately 25%.

Conversely, even short periods of absence can accumulate and lead to gaps in learning, which may affect a student's ability to keep up with the curriculum and achieve their full potential. It's important to note that missing just a few days of school each term can add up to significant lost learning time over the course of the year.

### **Support for the Upcoming Academic Year**

We understand that various factors can impact a student's attendance, and we are committed to supporting families to ensure that all students have the opportunity to succeed. If your child has faced challenges with attendance this year, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We can work together to identify any underlying issues and develop a plan to improve attendance in the coming academic year. Our goal is to ensure that every student has the support they need to attend school regularly and thrive.

### **The Impact of poor Punctuality**

Punctuality is equally important. Arriving late to school or lessons can disrupt not only the late student's learning but also that of their peers. Frequent lateness can lead to missed instructions, decreased participation, and a fragmented learning experience. Moreover, it can set a precedent for poor time management habits that may persist into adulthood.

We encourage all students to arrive on time, prepared, and ready to engage fully in their education. Your support in reinforcing the importance of punctuality is invaluable.

### **Working Together**

We are here to support you and your child. If you have any concerns about attendance or punctuality, or if you need assistance in addressing any barriers to regular school attendance, please contact our attendance management partner Attendance 100 via email [enquiries@attendance100.com](mailto:enquiries@attendance100.com) or via text message on 07585123853 (stating your child's name, school and year group) and a member of the team will call you to discuss any issues which may impact on their attendance.

Together, we can ensure that your child has the best possible chance to succeed in the upcoming academic year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Kelly  
Head Teacher