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Attendance Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we know, regular attendance at school is important and has a direct impact on academic progress and the development of social skills that our children need. As part of our attendance strategy, and in line with DfE recommendations, we will shortly be updating parents of their child's attendance percentage and numbers of days absent so far this year.

This half term for parents in year 1 to year 6, information about attendance from the start of the academic year will be shared in the annual reports due for issue on the 19th March 2024. A separate communication will be shared with our parents of children in nursery and reception as the annual reports will be shared in the summer term.

The information shared in the report is for your information only as we know the reasons for the absences, which in the majority of cases are due to illness and/or term time holidays. Having spoken to some parents already regarding attendance, it is sometimes the case that there is not the awareness of how many days a child has been absent, and parents have found it useful to be kept updated.

Going forward we will share information regarding attendance on a regular basis, usually half termly and this will take the form of a short text message. We are looking at the most efficient and effective way to do this.

Where there is a concern and/or support is needed, especially where attendance is classed as persistent absence i.e. 90% or below where appropriate, we will contact you directly to discuss how we can support further, and in some cases, we may arrange a meeting.

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Gina Marsland

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Headteacher