"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6

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Dear Parents and Carers,

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

I would like to take the opportunity to remind families of the importance of good attendance and punctuality at school.

Regular attendance is vital to a child's academic progress, wellbeing, and confidence. When pupils attend school consistently, they are better able to engage with lessons, build strong relationships with their peers and teachers, and develop positive learning habits. Even short or occasional absences can disrupt learning and make it harder for children to keep up with the curriculum.

According to government studies, Primary pupils with very high attendance (95–100%) are significantly more likely to reach the expected standards in reading, writing and maths at the end of Year 6 compared with pupils who attend slightly less regularly (90–95%). In fact, the difference in attendance of just a few days across a year can be associated with around 30 % higher odds of reaching these expected standards. Consistency is key.

We understand that there may be times when absence is unavoidable, such as due to illness. However, we kindly ask that appointments, holidays, and other commitments are arranged outside of school hours. Please remember that holidays taken during term time are not authorised and can have a significant impact on your child's education as well as incur a fine. Equally, poor attendance, over a period of time, with no improvement can also result in a fine.

Our school attendance target is 96%, and we appreciate your continued support in helping us achieve this. By working together, we can ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed.

If you are experiencing any difficulties that may be affecting your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are always happy to offer support and guidance.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and commitment to your child's education.

Kind regards

Mr Taylor
Headteacher