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Dear parents/carers

Attendance Update

We are really pleased to share that attendance at school continues to improve. During the first half term, our overall attendance was 91.9%, which reflects the positive commitment shown by our students and families. Thank you for working with us to ensure that children attend school regularly and are able to make the most of every learning opportunity.

Our aim this year is to increase overall attendance to above 92% across the whole academic year. Every day in school matters, and even small improvements in attendance can have a significant impact on a child's achievement, wellbeing and sense of belonging.

As we enter the winter months, we know that children will sometimes feel under the weather. We also understand that deciding whether a child is well enough to attend school can be a difficult decision for families. Often, parents and carers understandably choose to keep a child at home "just in case", when the child may be well enough to attend with a little extra support.

Understanding Our Attendance Patterns - Mondays matter!
As part of our ongoing work to improve attendance, we regularly review and evaluate attendance patterns across the school. One trend we have identified this year is that attendance is typically lower on Mondays than on other school days.

We understand that after a busy weekend, some students may feel tired or slightly unwell, making it tempting to take an extra day at home. However, Monday lessons are an important start to the week, and missing them can make it harder for students to keep up with learning, routines, and key information shared by teachers.

Our attendance initiatives, including the introduction of the Student Wellness Form, are part of our wider ambition to support pupils in maintaining good attendance and making strong academic progress. By working together, we can help ensure that students are in school, learning, and achieving their full potential because every day matters.

Introducing Our Student Wellness Form - link here:

Student wellness form – Fill in form

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To help families make these decisions and to support students who are not quite feeling 100%, we are launching a new Student Wellness Form from **Monday 9th November.**

This quick online form can be completed by parents and carers to let us know that their child is attending school but may need a little extra support or consideration during the day.

We encourage families to complete the form when:

- Your child is feeling under the weather but is not seriously ill.
- They are well enough to give school a go.
- You would like school to be aware in case they struggle during the day.
- You want to avoid an unnecessary absence while ensuring your child is supported.

If your child is clearly unwell or has symptoms that require them to remain at home, such as vomiting, a high fever, or a contagious illness, normal absence procedures should continue to be followed.

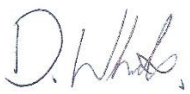
How We Will Use the Information
Once a Student Wellness Form is received, relevant staff and class teachers will be informed so they are aware of any concerns. This allows us to check in with students, provide appropriate support and respond quickly if they feel unwell during the school day.

We hope this new system will provide reassurance for families, reduce unnecessary absence, and help us continue to improve attendance while ensuring that every child feels supported and cared for.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership and support. Together, we can ensure that every student has the best possible opportunity to learn, thrive and succeed. Every day in school is an opportunity to learn something new, build positive relationships, and make progress towards future success.

Present today, empowered tomorrow.

Kind regards



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