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Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust this letter finds you well and that your children are settling into the new academic year with enthusiasm and a desire to learn.

As we have approached the winter months, I would like to emphasise the importance of good attendance at school. While some children face occasional illnesses or challenges during this period, maintaining regular attendance is key to ensuring they receive the education and support they need to thrive.

Why is good attendance so important?

- **Learning Consistency:** Regular attendance ensures that your child can consistently engage with their teachers and peers, contributing to better learning outcomes.
- **Social Development:** School provides a vital environment for children to develop socially, build relationships, and develop interpersonal skills. Missing school can disrupt this crucial aspect of their growth.
- **Academic Progress:** Absenteeism can result in missing out on key learning experiences and valuable classroom activities, potentially leading to gaps in your child's knowledge.
- **Preparation for the Future:** Regular attendance helps your child build a strong work ethic, which is essential for their future endeavours.

However, we understand that the autumn and winter months can be particularly challenging due to seasonal illnesses and adverse weather conditions. To address these challenges, we are committed to:

- Providing clear guidelines on when it is appropriate to keep your child home due to illness, and when it is safe for them to attend school.
- Supporting with health and well-being concerns - we encourage parents to communicate any health concerns promptly.
- In cases of adverse weather, we will do everything we can to keep the school open and will plan ahead and communicate any changes in the school schedule, including possible school closures.
- We will work on strategies to build the resilience of our learners, equipping them to adapt to challenges that may arise during the autumn and winter.

Our dedicated staff and teachers are committed to providing the best educational experience for your child. We believe that by working together with parents, we can create a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment that will enable your child to succeed.

I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can ensure that our students make the most of their learning opportunities.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding attendance or any other matters, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our doors are always open, and we value your feedback.

Here is some guidance on attendance and illness <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

Thank you for your understanding and collaboration in fostering good attendance and a successful learning experience during the upcoming season.

Kind regards,



Dr Ross Silcock
Headteacher