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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the critical importance of strong attendance and punctuality for all pupils.

Every school day matters. Research from the Department for Education shows a clear and direct link between attendance and academic success. Pupils with high attendance are significantly more likely to achieve strong outcomes at both primary and secondary level, while even small amounts of absence can reduce the likelihood of success in key examinations.

In fact, Year 11 pupils with near-perfect attendance are almost twice as likely to achieve a grade 5 or above in English and Maths compared to those who miss just a small number of additional days. However, attendance is not just about academic performance. Regular attendance helps pupils to develop essential life skills such as resilience, commitment, organisation and responsibility—qualities that will benefit them far beyond school. Establishing these habits early plays a crucial role in preparing young people for future employment and adult life.

Attendance is also closely linked to a pupil's sense of **belonging**. When pupils attend regularly, they feel part of the school community, build strong relationships with staff and peers, and engage more fully in learning. Evidence shows that pupils attend more consistently when they feel safe, valued and connected.

Conversely, poor attendance can have a significant social impact. Friendship groups evolve quickly, particularly towards the end of the academic year. Pupils who are frequently absent can find it harder to maintain friendships and may feel isolated or disconnected from their peer group. This can make returning to school even more challenging, creating a cycle that we are keen to avoid.

Attendance Competition

To support and celebrate excellent attendance, we are currently running a whole-school competition. To my great delight we handed out tip-tops on Friday. This week we look forward to our sweet treat celebration, the following week we will have a games afternoon. Watch this space for the Ice- Up Your Life, our Ice cream parlour celebrations! All you have to do is to make sure your child is in school each and every day.

We encourage all pupils to take part and strive for the highest possible attendance as we finish the term positively.

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Punctuality Matters

Alongside attendance, punctuality is equally important. Arriving on time ensures pupils are settled, ready to learn, and do not miss key instructions at the start of lessons.

Please note:

- Pupils who arrive late to school will receive a detention.
- We will expect all pupils to attend and complete this detention.

Good punctuality is an essential life skill. Being on time demonstrates respect, reliability and preparedness—qualities that are highly valued in further education, training and employment.

Working Together

We recognise that from time-to-time absence may be unavoidable. However, we ask all families to support us in ensuring that pupils attend every day possible, especially during this important end-of-term period.

By working together, we can ensure that all pupils:

- Maximise their academic progress
- Maintain strong friendships and a sense of belonging
- Develop the habits and resilience needed for future success

Thank you for your continued support.



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