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Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term we are having a particular focus on improving our school attendance. We have met as a staff team and I have attended a DfE conference about school attendance to help us to decide what actions we can take to support all our learners to aim for excellent school attendance. This letter contains information for you about how we will be sharing your child's current attendance with you and rewards we are implementing this half term.

Before Christmas, parents, staff and children in years 5 and 6 were invited to respond to a survey asking for views about how we do this. The responses to the survey have been shared with staff and governors and we have talked about this in our assemblies with the children. Overall, most responders liked the idea of rewards for good and improving attendance, including 100% attendance awards. There were also a range of responses helping us to understand the reasons children have struggled to attend school. This is helpful in our provision of support.

Information for you to act upon

At parents' evening, you will be given information about your child's current attendance percentage for this school year so far. This information will be colour coded as follows:

Green: 96% attendance and above

Amber: 92%-95.9% attendance

Red: below 92% attendance

There is time, over the remainder of this school year, for your child's attendance percentage to improve and the intention of sharing this colour coding with you at this stage is for your information so that you can act now before the school year ends.

The percentages above have been chosen on the basis of DfE statistical research. This has shown that children with school attendance of 96% and above have a 30% higher chance of achieving age related expectations than children with 92% attendance. If your child's attendance falls below 92% this is a cause for even greater concern. We are happy to work with you, if we are not already, to try and understand why your child is struggling to attend school and our aim is to support rather than to stigmatise or punish.

It has been shown that, nationally, years 1 and 6 are 2 of the top 3 most influential years' attendance when it comes to gaining good GCSE passes. Primary school attendance has a lasting impact on young people's life chances.

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Rewards

We will be introducing a raffle scheme this week, starting on Friday afternoon. At the end of the afternoon the children who have attended all week will be given a raffle ticket which will go into a prize draw. There will be a draw each week, normally during sparkler assembly, and children whose ticket is drawn out will get a small prize. All tickets will then go into a draw for the whole half term meaning that the more full weeks a child attends, the more chances they have to win slightly larger prizes at the end of the half term. In addition to this, all children with above 96% attendance for this half term will get a prize. We will retain the termly 100% attendance awards as they are (so the next opportunity to get a 100% termly award will be the end of this term and will include the period from January until the end of this term).

We hope that by the end of this half term we can show significant improvements across our whole school, we had a period before Christmas where many children missed school due to illness and so we want to work hard to ensure that we get back to our previous excellent attendance in school.

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