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Dear Parent/ Carer,

**Attendance Update**

At the mid-point of the year, I wanted to keep you up to date on the attendance picture this year.

Due largely to two particularly unpleasant bugs before Christmas, attendance is down on the same point last year by around 1%. While this does not sound like a huge margin, this equates to some 1400 more days lost to absence across the school. The school has also launched a new attendance policy - [EMAT Attendance Policy v3.1 Dec 25 - PWS.pdf](#) – which focuses on the direction of travel that a student's attendance might be taking.

As we move into the second part of the year, please continue to support your child with their attendance at school by avoiding holidays in term time, by booking appointments outside of the school day wherever possible, and by encouraging your child to attend if they are well enough. The data on good attendance is very clear from the government statistics. When a student has attendance of 90%, they have missed nearly 19 days of school. At this level, the evidence is that there is a negative impact on each of the student's grades of 1 full grade per subject. This can have a life-changing impact on a student's outcomes and opportunities.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr. A. Kennedy'.

Mr Antony Kennedy  
Deputy Head Teacher for Student Behaviour, Attitudes and Welfare



Respect



Resilience



Ambition