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Dear Parents / Carers,

New attendance guidance: September 2024

What are the new timings of the school day?

From September 2024 onwards the school day will start at **8:45am** with registration and finish at **3pm**. This change has not reduced any learning time within the classroom and still allows a smooth transition from transport to the classroom while the building work continues.

Why are there changes to the expectations for attendance?

From the **19th August 2024** the Government has implemented new attendance guidance all schools are required to follow through the *School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024*.

Why is good attendance important?

We are privileged to steer your child's education, laying the foundations for their future life. This is why we believe that good attendance at school supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building good habits for adult life.

At Endeavour we monitor the attendance and punctuality of all learners. It is the responsibility of parents and carers to inform the school if they intend to take their child/ren out of school during term time.

What do you need to know about the changes to attendance expectations?

From 19th August 2024 onwards there is no entitlement in law for pupils to take time off during the term to go on holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure or recreation.

Schools are now expected to consider each request for pupil absence individually and take into account the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind the request. We will consider term time requests for absence based on whether or not they are '**exceptional circumstances**'. This would be considered to be '**rare, unavoidable and short**' and therefore uniquely significant to the emotional, educational or spiritual value of any child, which will significantly outweigh the loss of teaching time.

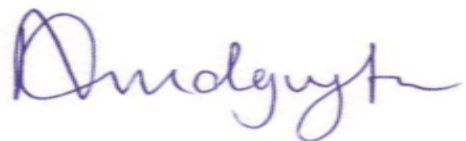
All schools will now be required to consider a fine when a learner misses 10 sessions (or 5 school days) for unauthorised reasons, within a 10 school week period. The 10 sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be 10 unauthorised sessions over a 10 school week.

The first penalty notice will be £160 per parent, per child, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. The second penalty notice will be £160 per parent, per child without the option of a reduced amount. Fines are capped to two within a three year period. Once this has been reached other action will be a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. Prosecution could lead to a fine of up to £2,500.

Who can you talk to about your child's attendance?

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, or have any questions regarding the new changes please call the office and ask to speak to Miss Gisby. **Miss Gisby** is the senior lead as Assistant Headteacher who will be monitoring attendance across the school as well as offering advice and guidance to parents and staff.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A Crudgington
Headteacher