

Dear Parents/ Carers,

During the Summer term we carried out a consultation and review period around our attendance policy. Thank you for the comments and feedback provided to us during this time.

You may be aware, from extensive coverage in the media, that improving attendance in school is a topical issue and there is new statutory guidance for schools to follow within their policy and approach; this guidance is a nationally set document for all English schools to implement. The following letter explains the new expectations and timeline that will be followed when monitoring attendance in our schools; it is important you have access to this information. Please rest assured that our approach will always begin with support and that we believe working together, school and home, is the best way forward.

Please do read the following information and if you have any questions, please get in touch with your school leaders to discuss these.

Yours sincerely,

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