



**Education Resources**  
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Dear Parent/Carer

## Attendance

It is vital that all pupils attend school in order to learn and achieve their full potential, in all aspects of school life. It is important for the school to work in partnership with parents to ensure that excellent attendance is achieved and celebrated. Excellent attendance is crucial for:

- pupils to become effective learners
- maintaining the positive ethos within the school
- fostering good attitudes to learning
- promoting positive patterns of behaviour
- parents, teachers and pupils working more effectively in partnership
- providing equality of opportunity which enables each child to achieve
- developing positive habits for future employment, higher education and leisure time
- more effective use to be made of teaching time and other resources
- pupils are able to participate more fully in the wider life of the school

## Attendance Certificates

The vast majority of our pupils have excellent attendance and we wish to recognise this. Therefore we will be awarding Attendance Certificates, during assembly time, at three points in the year. Term one runs from August to December, with certificates awarded in January, term two runs from January until the Easter break and the summer term from April until the end of the school year in June. For the purposes of the attendance certificate calculations, attendance for each pupil will be reset to 100% at the start of each new term. Please contact me at the school if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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