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The importance of attendance

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you about the importance of **school attendance** and the positive impact it has on **children's learning and wellbeing**.

Being in school every day gives children the chance to build and maintain friendships, feel part of the class community, and take full advantage of the learning opportunities we plan for them. Even as adults, we sometimes feel unwell in the morning, but once we are ready, surrounded by others, and focused on our work, we often feel much better. The same is true for children—coming into school can often help them feel brighter and more engaged.

Children can be in school with minor illnesses such as coughs and colds. If your child is genuinely too unwell to attend school, then they should remain at home to recover.
However, if you are unsure, we encourage you to send them in. Our staff will always contact you if we feel your child is not well enough to be at school.

It's also important to remember that returning after an absence can be difficult for children. They may find it harder to re-establish friendships, and missing lessons puts them at a disadvantage compared to their peers.

Every day in school really does make a difference.

If there are issues preventing your child from coming to school every day, please speak to a member of staff.

We would like to thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly. Working together, we can help every child thrive both academically and socially.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Rajan-Weare

Assistant Head Teacher