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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you've had a wonderful summer holiday and your children are excited to return to school tomorrow, Wednesday 4th September. We are looking forward to welcoming you on the primary gates at 8.25am.

Following last year's attendance drive and student leader initiative, we are proud to announce that we were awarded two attendance awards! We couldn't have done this without the hard work and commitment from all of you and we thank you for your support - let's make it even bigger and better this year!

We are excited to announce that we will be relaunching our 'Attendance Streaks' for the new school year. Each child will have the chance to earn **three** attendance streaks over the year; one for each term with badges to collect along the way. Displayed outside each year group are coloured lines, as children attend school each day they move their 'flame' up one space.

I'm sure you will be aware, from news in the media, that from August 2024 the laws concerning school attendance have changed slightly. Whilst it remains our aim to work with families to support attendance it's important you are aware of these government changes, a summary of these are shown at the end of this letter.



Kind regards,

Miss Frampton
Assistant Principal



ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.

The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160



2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

10 IN 10

5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

3

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160



4 children & 2 parents = £1280

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

4

2ND TIME

2 parents and
1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280

No discount for early payment



3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000