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Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

Re: The Importance of Continued Attendance in the Summer Term

As we move into the final half-term of the academic year, we would like to thank you for your support throughout your child's time in Year 6, particularly during the recent SATs period.

However, we have noticed a significant drop in attendance since the SATs were completed. We want to take this opportunity to remind all families that school attendance remains just as important now as it has been all year.

Although the SATs are over, the learning certainly is not. In the coming weeks, we will be covering essential content to prepare your child for the transition to secondary school. This includes specific transition projects, personal development activities, and opportunities to build the independence and resilience that will support them in Year 7 and beyond.

Why Attendance Still Matters:

- We are continuing to teach key curriculum content.
- Transition work is designed to ease the move to secondary school.
- Pupils benefit from social interaction and structured routines.
- End-of-year celebrations and events are planned that your child won't want to miss.

Parental Responsibilities

As outlined in the Department for Education's statutory guidance *Working together to improve school attendance*, parents have a legal duty to ensure their child attends school regularly and on time. This includes:

- Ensuring your child attends every day the school is open, unless they are too ill or have an authorised reason for absence.
- Avoiding unnecessary absences, including term-time holidays.
- Working with the school to resolve any issues that may be affecting your child's attendance.

Regular attendance is not only a legal requirement but also a key factor in your child's academic and social success. We are here to support you if there are any barriers to attendance, and we encourage you to contact us if you need help.

Let's work together to ensure that every child finishes their primary school journey on a high note, fully prepared for the exciting challenges ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Dodson

Headteacher

