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Dear Parent/Carer,

Just before the summer, I wrote to you regarding attendance and spoke about it at some of our transfer meetings. Now the term has started, I wanted to just touch base to explain in more detail how we are increasing our monitoring to ensure we are meeting the new DfE expectations and guidance which will soon become mandatory.

We have set a Whole School target of 96% for this academic year and in line with DfE case studies and good practice models we have introduced a couple of new strategies in order to keep persistent absence (PA) of pupils to a minimum. PA is any child below 90%, as we all know, this has a huge impact on learning and the emotional well-being of pupils.

In practice for the majority, there will be no change, first day calling will remain and we ask for phone calls and not emails for this. However, for certain families where there are previous concerns in relation to historical attendance issues, we are stepping up early intervention which may well include home visits. These visits are to ensure we are all being as proactive as we can be to prevent any issues developing. Our Pastoral and Attendance team are here to help and the visits are intended to be supportive.

We are also increasing our attendance onsite meetings and letters at certain trigger points to ensure we are complying with Birmingham's requirements for prosecution, should we need the progress to this in the future (which we hope we will not have to due to preventing any issues developing).

Finally, as a reminder, no holidays in term time will be authorised and this will lead to fixed penalties being issued by the Local Authority.

Attendance is so important after the events of the last few years and we intend to celebrate as classes, individuals and as a whole school throughout the year.

Kindest regards,

Mrs L Guest
Executive Head



A member of the Griffin Schools Trust

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