



### **YEAR 6 PUPILS' ATTENDANCE**

1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers of Year 6 pupils,

School attendance is monitored carefully throughout the whole school from Reception to Year 6 to ensure all children are attending regularly. However, it has been noted that the overall attendance of pupils in both Year 6 classes is now below 89.50% and well below that of government and school expectations and this is a concern.

As you know this is an incredibly important year for your child as they will be sitting the National SATs Tests in May. For children to achieve properly in Year 6, it is vital that they are in school every day to enable good learning and progress to be made. Regular attendance will ensure that all of our pupils have the greatest opportunity to achieve nationally expected standards (or indeed at greater depth in these standards) in order to prepare them to be successful learners of the future.

Of course, from time to time it will be necessary to keep your children home due to sickness. When this is the case, please contact the school as soon as you have made the decision not to send your child into school. Whenever possible, we would ask for you to please try and arrange appointments with a doctor, dentist, optician or hospital out of school time. Please also be aware that we are more than happy to administer medicines such as antibiotics to support your child.

In addition, can we please remind you that holidays must not be taken during term time. Government legislation prevents schools from granting leave of absence unless there are 'Exceptional Circumstances'. Holidays are not exceptional. For any further information, please refer to a copy of our school 'Attendance Policy' which can be found on the school website.

We will be continuing with our house visits throughout the year in order to build relationships and improve attendance of individual pupils.

Our reward systems have also been enhanced for the whole school.

As always, we ask for your support in ensuring your child attends regularly. If you feel we can be of help, do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs L Guest  
Executive Head Teacher

