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Dear Parents,

At roughly the half-way point of the year, we will now send home each child’s attendance certificate so parents have an accurate picture of overall attendance during the academic year.

In September, the Department for Education stated that any child who has attendance below 90% will be classed as a ‘persistent absentee’. It is expected that schools will engage with agencies to ensure attendance continues to rise throughout the school.

We are well aware why a small number of pupils have attendance below 90%; a two week holiday and some illnesses will lead to this figure being below 90% but as we move into the second half of the year, we naturally aim for every child to have a high percentage of attendance with over 95% being the expected level. A child who has attendance of approximately 85% who has very few days absence in the second half of the academic year will easily rise above the 90% figure by the end of the year.

We are engaging with a small number of parents relating to attendance and will continue to monitor each child at Fairfield.

Thank you for your continued support.

Tim Sutcliffe
Executive Head