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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school, we are committed to ensuring that every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed. **Regular and punctual attendance is essential to your child's education, wellbeing and future progress.**

Our school day begins at **8:50am and finishes at 3:20pm**. Every minute of learning matters and arriving late or being absent can have a significant impact on a child's progress over time.

We therefore ask all parents and carers to ensure that their child:

- Attends school **every day** and arrives at school **on time and ready to learn by 8:50am**.
- Avoids unnecessary appointments during the school day wherever possible.
- Does not take holidays during term time.

Term-Time Holidays

Please be reminded that the school operates a **zero-tolerance approach to term-time holidays**. Holidays taken during term time will not normally be authorised.

Where a child is taken out of school for an unauthorised term-time holiday, the school may refer the matter to **Derby City Council**, who can issue a **Fixed Penalty Notice (fine)** in accordance with the current national attendance regulations and local authority procedures.

Parents and carers should be aware that taking a child out of school without authorisation can result in legal action. **Where a period of leave is particularly lengthy, including absences of more than 20 school days, the matter may be escalated and could ultimately be referred to court.** Parents may face prosecution and further legal penalties where attendance requirements are not met.



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Everyday Counts

Even a small amount of missed education can quickly add up. For example, missing just **one day of school each week** means missing **20% of the school week**.

We understand that there may be times when children are unable to attend school. If your child is experiencing difficulties with attendance, illness, anxiety or any other barrier to attending school regularly, please contact the school as soon as possible. School is here to work with families and provide support wherever appropriate.

We thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly, arrives on time and makes the most of every learning opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B Suddhi

Head Teacher