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Dear parents and carers,

Regarding: Attendance

I am writing to all Hollin parents and carers about the importance of regular school attendance and negative impact of absence.

School attendance has declined at Hollin (and at most schools) since the Covid pandemic.

In the autumn term:

- More than 20 families took their child/children on an unauthorised holiday.
- In one particular week, over 10% of children were absent from school.

Sadly, we have become used to statistics like this which are now considered to be normal in schools.

Having regular days off school (an odd day off here or there) means that pupils miss valuable learning time and the lessons for that day. As a result, pupils often find it difficult to catch up when they do return to school.

The vast majority of Hollin parents send their child/children to school. We never have to write to you, phone you or text you (other than to thank you for supporting your child/children). Thank you.

There are some children who have had genuine absences or were unwell in the autumn term. We understand, we are monitoring this and we know your child's attendance will improve.



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However, some parents do not bring their child/children to school regularly. Where attendance is already a concern, further absences will only be authorised when accompanied by medical evidence.

The expectation is that all pupils should have full attendance most weeks and it is the responsibility of parents/carers to make sure your child/children attends school.

If your child does have difficulty attending school, please approach us to see what support we may be able to offer.

Please accept this letter with the spirit it is intended but there is a clear message:

Your child's attendance matters to us and regular school attendance is an expectation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr David Fenton
Headteacher