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Dear Parents and carers,

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Children's services have recently updated their policy on school attendance. Attendance is very important and it is closely linked to attainment. An 80% attendance is equivalent to 7 weeks absence and can have serious implications for learning and progress.

The policy states that schools make contact with all parents whose children's attendance has fallen below **90%**. I will be reviewing attendance this week and making contact with any of you in this category to discuss the absences.

This initial phone call will be to discuss the reasons for the absence explore ways that the school may be able to support you in ensuring your child/children attend school. As always, you should phone the school in the morning to report an absence.

If poor attendance persists, there is clear guidance as to how to proceed within the policy.

I know that there have been some persistent and horrible bugs around recently and that this, understandably, has had an impact on attendance this term, let's hope that things will improve and we have a healthier term 2!

I have attached the 'Attendance Matters' leaflet for your information.

Kind regards,

Jennifer

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