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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Importance of Regular School Attendance

Your partnership in your child's education at Southlands School is highly valued, and we want to stress the importance of regular school attendance.

We understand that family commitments arise; however, avoiding holidays or trips during term time is crucial for your child's academic success. We recognise that family situations can change. If you realise your child will need to be absent, please communicate with the school in advance, providing details and seeking approval for any planned absence during term time.

Our attendance policy plays a vital role in ensuring the overall welfare and educational progress of our students. To support your child's success, we proactively address attendance concerns. If your child's attendance nears the 90% threshold, we will reach out to discuss additional support. If attendance drops below 90%, we will contact you to arrange a meeting. During this meeting, our aim is to establish an individualised attendance plan tailored to your child's unique needs, finding effective strategies to support regular attendance.

Maintaining attendance above 90% is crucial for these reasons:

- **Academic Success:** Regular attendance significantly contributes to academic achievement, allowing your child to fully engage in the learning process.
- **Social Development:** Consistent attendance fosters positive social interactions, friendships, and a sense of belonging within the school community.
- **Emotional Well-being:** Regular attendance provides a stable and supportive environment, promoting your child's emotional well-being and resilience.



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Your feedback is invaluable. In the coming weeks, we will send a brief parent survey on attendance. Your insights will help us better understand your perspectives and tailor our support services accordingly.

If you have concerns or questions, please contact our Student Support Office at 0191 300 0505, option3, or via email at office.admin@southlandsNT.org.uk.

Thank you for your continued partnership and your understanding.

Sincerely,

Samantha Hall

Acting Head Teacher.