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Dear Parent/Carer,

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Thank you for your support as we continue to do our best to ensure that our pupils are safe during the pandemic.

From the start of this autumn term, pupil attendance at school has been mandatory and the usual rules on attendance still apply, including:

- parents' duty to ensure that their child of compulsory school age attends regularly at the school where the child is a registered pupil
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, in line with local authorities' codes of conduct

Shielding advice for all adults and children paused on 1 August 2020. This means that even the small number of pupils who will remain on the shielded patient list can return to school, as can those who have family members who are shielding.

The education of children is of utmost importance to us. It is imperative that they attend every day, where possible, and that, if they are legally required to stay at home, they complete and submit the work provided by their teachers.

Our school has many robust precautions in place to ensure that pupils are safe and protected. Please ensure that your child brings their facemask (and a spare) to school every day and adheres to our rules on handwashing and sanitising and respiratory etiquette.

For extended absences from school for medical reasons, we require current and precise medical evidence. Without this, absences will be recorded as unauthorised and we will not be able to provide work or Free School Meals support. If you have concerns about this please contact the school.

We are confident that, despite the current difficulties, if parents and students continue to engage with us, we can minimise any effect on your child's wellbeing and attainment.

As always, we appreciate your co-operation on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Executive Headteacher





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