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Attendance update

Dear Parents and carers,

You may have seen on the news that the rules are changing regarding attendance next school year.

These changes have been brought about by government and will apply to all schools. Everything will be clearly laid out in our new attendance policy which is coming soon, and these changes will be effective from September 2024.

Meanwhile here are the main changes which will affect you.

- Fines are increasing for holidays of five days or more taken during term time to £80 per parent per child.
- Unauthorised sessions will no longer need to be consecutive to incur a fine. 10 missed sessions in 10 weeks will mean a fine is incurred. (ie five days)
- Children who arrive late for school (after registration) will be more closely monitored and fines can be incurred for 6 late arrivals when combined with other unauthorised absences.
- Fifteen consecutive days of unauthorised absence will result in prosecution.
- Leave can not be authorised to attend a protest.
- Only 2 fixed penalty notice fines can be issued within a three-year period. Parents will then be prosecuted. We must report to the local authority whether previous holidays have been requested.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further clarification.
Regards

Bridget Nicholls
Pastoral Lead