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Love, Laugh and
Learn.

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we begin another exciting school year, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of good attendance and punctuality for all children.

Every day in school matters. Regular attendance helps children build confidence, develop positive friendships, and make the best possible progress in their learning. When children miss school, they can miss important teaching, learning experiences, class discussions, and opportunities to develop key skills. Even small amounts of absence can quickly add up and may have an impact on a child's academic achievement and overall wellbeing.

We understand that children will occasionally become unwell. If your child is genuinely ill, they should remain at home to recover. In cases of sickness bugs, including vomiting or diarrhoea, children should stay away from school for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This helps to reduce the spread of infection and protects the health of the wider school community.

We are committed to working in partnership with families to ensure every child achieves their full potential. If we have any concerns regarding a child's attendance, we will contact parents or carers to discuss the situation and explore how we can work together to improve attendance and support your child. Likewise, if you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance please contact the school to arrange a mutually convenient time to discuss this.

To help promote the importance of attendance in a fun and engaging way, all children recently took part in an Attendance Assembly which included Staffordshire County Council's, Little Hero's scheme. During the assembly, children learned about the Attendance **HEROs** – **H**ere **E**veryday, **R**eady and **O**n-time. We also launched our own school **Attendance Superhero Challenge**. Children are invited to design themselves as an Attendance Superhero.

A template will be sent home with children today. The **drawings need to be back in school by Friday 11th September**, and we look forward to seeing the children's creative designs.

By working together, we can ensure that all children have the best possible opportunity to learn, succeed, and enjoy their time at school. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school every day, on time, and ready to learn.

Together, we can make every day count.

Yours sincerely
Mrs J Wass
Headteacher

