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Dear Parent/Carer

St Aidan's and Knowsley Council School Attendance Service are working closely together to improve school attendance rates; regular attendance is essential if your child is to reach their full potential. Attendance in school is mandatory and the government expects pupils to have a minimum level of attendance of at least 97% and our school has accepted that figure as our own measure of regular attendance.

You should also be aware that the government requires schools to measure attendance by "persistent absenteeism" or "PA", they have set this threshold at 10%. This means that if a pupil misses 10% or more of school for **any reason** by the end of each half term/term they will be classified as a persistent absentee. This is **regardless of the reason for the absence i.e. authorised or unauthorised** by the school.

If your child has been absent from school for 10% or more and they have fallen into the category of "PA" or "persistent absentee", you will receive a letter to inform you of this during the next half term.

Should you receive this letter, all future absences for your child may be classed as unauthorised unless medical evidence is provided. This could be confirmation of medical appointments or evidence of prescribed medicine etc.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you require any further advice or support regarding your child's attendance.

Regards,

Mr Williams
Learning Mentor