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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of what has been a long and busy term, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support with school attendance. Whilst attendance is steadily improving across the school, but we have noticed a sharp decline over the past couple of weeks. We fully appreciate that this time of year brings the usual challenges of winter coughs, colds, and seasonal illnesses, and that students can be more vulnerable to these during the colder months.

However, I kindly ask that students are sent into school wherever possible. Even when they are not feeling 100%, being in lessons helps them keep up with their learning and maintain the routines that support success.

We understand that it can be difficult to decide whether a child is well enough to attend school when they have a mild illness. In most cases, it *is* appropriate for them to attend, unless they have a high temperature or are otherwise too unwell to take part in normal activities. The NHS provides very helpful guidance that can be found at: Is my child too ill for school? - NHS. Please be reassured that, with your consent, we can administer paracetamol during the school day (if needed) to help students manage minor symptoms and remain in school.

Attendance is especially crucial for our Year 11 students. With the summer exams only a few months away, every lesson truly counts. Being in school consistently will help ensure they are fully prepared and confident as they approach this important stage in their education.

Thank you once again for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly. It makes a significant difference to their wellbeing, progress and future opportunities.

Yours sincerely,

Ms E Kempthorne
Head of School