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Dear Parent/Carer,

You'll remember that I wrote to you back in January about the importance of good attendance at school. We expect all children to attend school on every day they are well enough to do so. Our teachers plan lessons carefully so that each day, week and month builds on the last.

Our teachers will always do their best to support children when they return from a period of illness or injury. However, there is no substitute for regular attendance. The negative impact of poor attendance, and punctuality, is clearly evident.

Sadly, we have had to issue our first fine, since the Pandemic, for holidays taken during term time. We would like to avoid issuing any more.

There are a small number of exceptional circumstances under which travel abroad (or within the UK) during term time will be authorised. These include ill health or death of a family member. The school is likely to ask for some proof in these situations.

However, we have had families stating they are visiting family abroad for exceptional circumstances and they wish to leave in the week before the school holidays to extend the trip and/or make the trip cheaper. We are very unlikely to authorise your child's absence under such circumstances and a fine may be issued.

You can read a copy of our [attendance policy by clicking here](#).

To help you plan any travel over the next 12 months, our [term dates for the academic year 2023/2024 are available by clicking here](#).

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Scotchbrook".

Ian Scotchbrook
Headteacher