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## Term-time holidays

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As we approach the end of spring term, I wanted to take a moment to address an important matter that directly impacts your child's education: attendance during term time.

It is widely acknowledged that regular attendance at school is crucial for a child's academic progress and overall wellbeing. Every day at school provides invaluable opportunities for learning, growth and social development. This is highlighted through the DfE website: [Everything you need to know about school attendance](#). However, we have observed an increasing trend of families taking holidays during term time, which can have a significant impact on a pupil's education.

Research consistently demonstrates a strong link between attendance and academic achievement. Students who have good attendance records tend to perform better academically than those with poor attendance. Additionally, frequent absences disrupt the continuity of learning, making it difficult for students to grasp new concepts and build upon their knowledge effectively.

We understand that family holidays are important for bonding and creating lasting memories. However, we urge you to consider scheduling holidays outside of term time, whenever possible, to minimise the impact on your child's education. By prioritising school attendance during term time, you are ensuring that they have the best possible opportunities to reach their full potential.

In cases where unavoidable circumstances necessitate a holiday during term time, we kindly request that you notify the school in advance and work with us to minimise the disruption to your child's education. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way, but we also need your cooperation in maintaining high standards of attendance.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance or any other aspect of your child's education, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes,

Mr Stuttard

