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Live life in all its fullness
John 10:10

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There have been important updates to Cumberland County Council's School Attendance policies and therefore our Attendance policy. These have been revised in response to national changes introduced by the Department for Education (DfE).

Attached to this letter, is a standard letter from the Council explaining further information from them.

Please note, it is only attendance **from September 2024** that this refers to. **It is essential that you read this information carefully.**

There is also further information on the school website under the 'Parents' tab.

Under the revised policy:

- The Local Authority requires the school to refer any families whose children meet the attendance 'threshold' (absence from school including illness, holidays etc). See additional document from the Council.
- The Local Authority will then contact families directly to address any concerns.
- In some cases, penalty fines may now be pursued by Cumberland County Council.

This also pertains to children arriving late into school as well as children being absent from school. See additional document from the Council.

This change reflects the DfE's national emphasis on improving school attendance to support every child's education and progress.

Please note that any holidays or absences **before** September 2024 will not be subject to these new referral procedures.

These policy changes can raise questions, and we are here to support you, answer any questions, or find out more information from the Local Authority. If you have any concerns or would like further clarification, please don't hesitate to contact school.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Wilkinson and the School Governing Board