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### **Attendance Information**

Dear Parents and Carers

There have been a few queries regarding the attendance letters and information that has been sent home recently. As a school, we monitor the attendance of all pupils carefully. Occasionally, it may be that your child's attendance falls below 95%. This could be due to illness or other factors. At this point, a standard attendance letter is sent home for your information and usually there is no need for further action as the child's attendance improves quickly. We know that once children's attendance falls below 90% it is very difficult to raise this without other interventions which is why the letters are sent out early. Letters will also be sent home if your child is persistently late for school which as you will appreciate does have a negative impact the progress they are making in school.

Please note that the school does not expect children to be brought back in before the 48 recommended time period following an infectious illness. However, we have recently had parents keeping children off school for 1 week to 10 days following a period of illness and in these cases school would support your child in returning at an earlier stage if possible.

In terms of infectious diseases in school, we use the North Yorkshire guidance related to the recommended absence periods and when your child is poorly, we will inform you of the time they are expected to stay at home to ensure when they return they are no longer infectious. The doctor may also provide this information to you. If there are a significant number of cases in school, we will inform parents of this. It is difficult with coughs and colds as children are often well enough to be in school and we would not want them to be at home unnecessarily. To combat this, we encourage regular hand washing and use of tissues to stop the spread of illness. We have recently had cases of croup in school but have had advice from the Healthy Child Team that this is not classed as an infectious disease. If parents do wish to request specific information about illness in school however, please speak to a member of office staff who will be able to advise.

At the last Ofsted inspection in November, an action for our school improvement was that 'Attendance, especially of disadvantaged pupils and those who are persistently absent, improves more rapidly to be at least in line with the national average.' As you will hopefully appreciate, the school does have to monitor attendance and ensure actions are being taken to improve our overall attendance rate. If parents have any queries related to attendance or illness, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of staff who will be happy to offer further explanation and support if necessary.

Yours Sincerely

C Hughes

Headteacher

