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Dear parent/carer,

Attendance

Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential.

Going to school is directly linked to children making progress which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and support pupils as they move through education and into adulthood. As well as this, going to school helps to develop crucial communication, interaction and relationship skills. Children who miss school frequently can fall behind with their learning and development.

At Tees Valley Education we know that attendance of all pupils is crucial to children achieving the best possible outcomes. It is also important to arrive at school on time. If a child arrives late to school regularly their learning begins to suffer. We are writing to you to inform you that attendance and punctuality will be a key priority for the Trust and for Discovery this year.

To support parents with attendance the Trust will be using text messages to keep parents up to date with their child's attendance.

We understand that sometimes children may be absent from school due to health or medical needs. If there is an ongoing persistent health need, which as a school we are unaware of, please do provide further information about this. It is important that all our pupils attend school as much as possible to ensure that they are able to fully succeed with their learning and the opportunities presented to them.

In recent years we have had a large number of pupils missing school days to go on holidays. Government guidance is that holidays during term time will not be authorised.



Ms J Duncan
BA (Hons)
Head Teacher



As parents you are responsible for making sure your children receive full-time education. You are legally responsible for making sure that your child(ren) attend school. Failure to do so is likely to result in you being taken through legal attendance proceedings, which may result in a fine or prosecution.

Our welfare and pastoral team are able to support parents and families with any issues that may affect attendance, so please do get in touch with Andrew or Sian if you have any questions or need support.

Yours Sincerely,

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Head of Academy



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