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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Attendance Pathway Changes**

As you will be aware, the most important factor in enabling children to maximise their success in school is attendance. We know that children who attend school all the days they are able to attain more highly throughout their educational journey and ultimately do better at GCSEs and beyond. We are completely committed to ensuring our children attend school every day and celebrate with you and them when they achieve high levels of attendance.

Because attendance is of such vital importance, from September 2024 there will be a new code of conduct launched to enforce the legal duty for parents to bring their child to school and ensure children attend every day they can. As a result, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council have reviewed the 'Attendance Pathway' we follow when enforcing attendance. Information about this will be available on RMBC's website shortly and will be active from 19 August 2024 - [School Attendance – Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council](#).

This code of conduct governs the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices in respect of poor school attendance and unauthorised holidays or leave of absence taken in term-time. There are significant changes to the cost of a Fixed Penalty Notice and to the eligibility of them being issued. This will mean that more families choosing to take children out of school for a holiday will be subject to a penalty.

We will be sending out more information about these changes when we have it, but we wanted parents to be aware of these changes prior to the new school year.

Yours faithfully



**Miss Jepson**  
**Principal**