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Dear Parents and Carers,

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, we are sending home some important information regarding attendance for you to read. We really value the partnership between home and school as there is nothing more important than working together to support your children. You will have seen in the media how concerned the government is about ensuring that children receive their entitlement to a full education through good attendance and punctuality especially after Covid.

We know that children who have excellent school attendance and punctuality are far more likely to achieve well academically and make strong lasting friendships. Disruption to a child's school experience often causes periods of anxiety as children worry about what they have missed and what has happened within their friendship group while they have been away. While we will do all we can to support children when unavoidable absence occurs, minimising this remains the best way to help children have a successful time at school.

We have many ways of celebrating excellent attendance and punctuality for all those children and families who help us to prioritise education. We believe that establishing these strong routines and commitment to school life will prepare children well for the world of work that they will eventually find themselves embracing. At Warren Park we simply want to give our children the very best life chances possible.

In this letter we have enclosed your child's attendance certificate for the autumn term and some important leaflets from school and the Local Education Authority:

- Warren Park Home School Attendance Partnership
- Hampshire Good School Attendance Guide
- Information on Penalty Notices for non-attendance at school

In the event that your child's attendance falls below what is considered to be good, we will be in contact with parents to identify any barriers so that we can work together to make improvements.

If you are thinking about taking a holiday in term time, please read the Penalty Notice leaflet carefully. Although a Penalty Notice will be issued the first time that you take your child on holiday, any subsequent holidays will result in a referral to the local Attendance Legal Panel where a decision will be made as to whether or not the Local Authority will proceed with a prosecution for failing to ensure a child attends school regularly and punctually, as set out in section 44 (1) of the 1996 Education Act.

Schools are accountable to the Local Authority and Department for Education for improving school attendance when it falls below that which is good. At Warren Park we want to work with you to ensure that your child has a successful and enjoyable seven year journey with us which sets them up to become confident and prosperous adults.

If you have any queries about your child's attendance or would like further support then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, the school office, Miss Read, Mrs Lofting or Mrs Cooper.

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