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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure you realize that regular attendance at school enables each pupil to fulfil their potential. Every day counts. As a school we are actively working on raising our attendance rates to achieve an attendance of 95% (the national target set by the Government). We need your help and support to achieve this by working in partnership. We will be letting you and the children know how well we are doing and rewarding good attendance.

At Loseley Fields we believe that the most important factor in promoting good attendance is the development of positive attitudes toward school. We are committed to the continuous raising of achievement for all our pupils. We believe that good attendance is essential if our children are to take full advantage of school life and gain the education which will equip them for the future. Regular attendance is crucial if our pupils are to be successful and benefit from the opportunities presented to them. At Loseley Fields we believe in celebrating success. Good attendance is fundamental to a successful and fulfilling school experience.

We monitor attendance weekly and work quickly to help solve problems so that absence and lateness are kept to a minimum. We will continue to monitor attendance closely by working with the Educational Welfare Officer to identify, investigate and work in partnership to resolve attendance issues.

We recognise that parents and carers have a vital role and a legal responsibility to make sure that children are in school and on time. As parents you can do a great deal to support the regular and punctual attendance of your child. You can encourage good attendance by taking an active interest in your child's school life, attending parent evenings and other school events, ensuring your child goes to bed at an appropriate time, and ensuring your child only misses school for unavoidable reasons such as illness or emergency.

Children should be at school. We expect all children to attend every day as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so. Pupil's responsibilities are to attend school on time, be ready to learn with the right equipment and attitude, and to give their class teacher a note if absent explaining why.

Let's make every day at school count. It can make a difference to your child's education and future.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jill Pearce-Haydon
Acting Head Teacher