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RISEDALE SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

SUBJECT: Attendance Letter Spring Term 1

We have recently launched our whole school Attendance Strategy, with the aim of trying to improve attendance in all year groups. Promoting good school attendance is everyone's responsibility and this begins at home.

We understand that unexpected illnesses and family emergencies can sometimes disrupt your child's attendance at school. However, we want to emphasise the crucial role that consistent attendance plays in their academic success.

Here's why good attendance matters:

- **Missed Learning:** Every day at school offers valuable learning opportunities. Absences, even for short periods, can lead to missed lessons, difficulty keeping up with classwork/coursework, and gaps in understanding.
- **Academic Performance:** Studies consistently show a strong correlation between good attendance and academic achievement. Pupils who attend school regularly perform better on tests, have higher grades, and are more likely to graduate.
- **Social and Emotional Development:** School provides a vital social environment for children. Regular attendance allows them to build and maintain friendships, develop important social skills like communication and cooperation, and participate in extracurricular activities.
- **Habit Formation:** Developing a strong work ethic, including regular and punctual attendance, is essential for success both in school and in life.

What you can do to support your child's attendance:

- **Schedule doctor and dentist appointments outside of school hours whenever possible.**
- **Keep your child home when they are truly ill, but avoid unnecessary absences.**
- **Communicate with the school promptly if your child will be absent.**
- **Work with the school to address any attendance concerns.**

We have recently secured support from an Education Welfare Officer who will be supporting the school with attendance concerns. They will be conducting home visits and meeting with parents to discuss any concerns around your child's attendance.

We appreciate your partnership in ensuring your child receives the best possible education. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Kind Regards,

Mrs S Cox

Senior Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

