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Together on a voyage of discovery...

Dear Parents, Carers

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### **Attendance at school and legal intervention**

You will be aware that the law requires all parents to ensure that their child attends school regularly.

Research has shown that children often do not catch up on work missed, which can have serious consequences for their learning and progress. The Government is very clear that all schools must aim to have the highest attendance possible for all of their pupils in order for them to achieve their maximum potential.

The Local Authority has introduced a system where any pupil who has an attendance of 85% or less with at least 15% unauthorised absence over a 6 week period **OR** 10 consecutive sessions (5 days) unauthorised absence will meet the criteria for legal intervention which could be in the form of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

From now on, any pupil in this school who meets either of these criteria will be referred to the Local Authority for action to be considered. Please see our policy on the school website for further information.

If a Fixed Penalty Notice is issued it is a fine of £60 per parent per child which must be paid in one payment in 21 days; if unpaid a further invoice for £60 per parent per child is issued. Both individual invoices would then have to be paid making a total payment of £120 in 28 days.

Failure to pay the total amount within the timescale will result in legal action being taken. Our aim is to ensure that our pupils receive the most from their education and I hope we can count on your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Jane Worsdale  
Headteacher

