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Dear Parent / Carer,

### **New Government Attendance Legislation**

I would like to start by thanking you all for your continued support in trying to improve student attendance. Whilst slightly better than at the same point last year, we are still below where we need to be. Hopefully as the summer term progresses, we will continue to see an improvement.

We have worked incredibly hard this year on improving attendance and have focused on this, weekly, in tutor time. Each student is updated weekly on their attendance and what they need to do to improve it.

In the Summer term, there will be lots of incentives for those students who have 100% attendance to maintain this amazing feat as well as rewards for students who can maintain their attendance above 95%. There will also be prizes for those students who have improved their attendance the most throughout the year.

The government is still trying to improve school attendance. With this comes new legislation that comes into effect in August this year. This will impact you if you are planning holidays in September / October time. Please read it carefully. Mrs Allen will send this out via the usual methods (text, website and email). The main changes link to the reduction in sessions needed before a fine is issued (5 consecutive days - previously 10), the increase in the fines, and when there is a third offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate Court. These fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty can show on future DBS certificates, due to failing to safeguard a child's education.

We obviously do not want any of the above to impact anybody. Please contact myself or our Attendance and Education Welfare Manager Ms Duffy using the details below if you have any concerns or require any support.

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Yours faithfully,

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