Shropshire Council

Dear Parents,

We understand that life can be busy and unpredictable, but your child's regular attendance at school is crucial for their academic success.

Our schools in Shropshire offer:
The continuity of learning and consistent attendance ensures that your child doesn't miss out on essential lessons, discussions, and activities. Each day at school contributes to their overall understanding and progress.

Education is like constructing a sturdy building. Every brick matters. We understand that children can be unwell but when a child misses school for avoidable reasons, it's like leaving gaps in the foundations. These gaps can hinder their future learning and cause anxiety for a child.

School is not just about textbooks; it's a place where children develop social skills, build friendships, and learn to navigate emotions. Regular attendance fosters these vital aspects of growth.

Research consistently shows that students who attend school regularly perform better academically. Missing even a few days can impact their grades and overall achievement.

Attending school daily establishes a routine. It boosts your child's confidence, as they feel part of a community and gain a sense of belonging.

Teachers provide personalised guidance, answer questions, and address doubts during class. Regular attendance ensures that your child benefits from this direct interaction.

We remind you that Leave of absence in term time is prohibited for the purpose of a family holiday. Only exceptional circumstances will be considered for the purpose of absence in term time by the headteacher of the school that your child is registered at.

In summary, parents should plan holidays around school holidays and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out of school during term time. There are approximately 190 school days in an academic year, leaving 175 days to use for holidays and other activities.

Remember, your child's education is an investment in their future. Let's work together to prioritise attendance and set them up for success!

And if you do have any concerns about your child's attendance at school, please talk to school staff or the Education Welfare Officer so that support can be given, and any issues addressed and resolved at the earliest opportunity.

Best regards,

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