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Dear families,

I am writing to the whole school to remind you of the importance of good attendance at school.

Minimum target attendance at primary school level in Devon is 96%, although there is always an expectation of full attendance where possible. There is a proven link between attendance and doing well in school.

We understand that each child's circumstances are different, and we appreciate that occasional absence is unavoidable.

Every day in education counts. Even a small drop in percentage attendance can lead to students missing a significant part of their education.



Lydford's current overall attendance is 94.4%. This means on average, pupils will have missed 2 weeks of learning by the end of academic year.

When a child's absence falls below 95%, or passes 10 sessions (a session is half a day), we will inform you and offer any support that may be needed.

An attendance figure of below 90% is considered persistently absent and this should be addressed as soon as possible.

We, of course, will support families in any way possible to ensure good attendance.

If you would like a meeting to discuss how we can work together to support your child's attendance this can be arranged. You may also feel that you would benefit from further support by receiving Early Help. You can find more information on Early Help [here](#).

Many thanks for your continued understanding and support.

Adam Hill  
Principal

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