



# Cecil Road Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

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## **Importance of Regular School Attendance and Avoiding Holidays During Term Time**

We would like to take this opportunity to reinforce the crucial importance of regular school attendance for your child's education. Your partnership in ensuring your child attends school every day is fundamental to their success and overall development.

Regular attendance is directly linked to academic achievement. When children attend school consistently, they are more likely to keep up with their lessons, grasp new concepts, and develop strong study habits. Additionally, attending school daily fosters a sense of routine and discipline, which are essential life skills. It also encourages social and emotional growth by enabling children to build friendships and participate in various school activities.

We understand that family holidays are important for creating lasting memories, but we urge you to plan these holidays during school breaks. As per the guidelines set by the Department for Education, headteachers are unable to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Taking holidays during school term time could result in your child falling behind and may result in you receiving a fine from Kent County Council.

We also recognise that there are occasions when medical appointments are necessary during the school day. In such cases, we kindly request you to notify the school in advance and provide evidence of the appointment, such as a doctor's note or appointment confirmation. This helps us maintain accurate attendance records and ensures your child's absences are recorded appropriately.

If you have concerns or face unavoidable circumstances that may lead to your child's absence, please do not hesitate to communicate with us. We are here to support you and your child in any way we can.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We look forward to working closely with you to create a positive and enriching learning experience for your child. Together we achieve more.

Yours sincerely

Carrie Old  
Headteacher