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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your loved ones are well. This week we have experienced high levels of absence within school. Please be reassured that we understand that children do get poorly this time of year from various winter bugs.

Over the last 12 months our pupils, parents, carers and staff have all worked very hard on improving the attendance of pupils at our school. This is to ensure that our children are being given the best start in life and so that they are able to be the very best that they can be.

It is important that our whole school community continues this hard work; to ensure that pupil attendance improves during the end of this term and from the beginning of January.

At St. Andrews CE Primary School our logically sequenced UNIQUE Curriculum has been designed to give your child the best start in life and - **Every Lesson within the UNIQUE curriculum Counts for your child's learning.** Research shows that pupils who are persistently absent, or who have low levels of attendance, have lower levels of attainment than others, who attend regularly.

In addition, particularly at this time of year, pupils who are absent from school miss out on experiencing the fun and exciting activities that school provides. These activities give an opportunity for pupils to learn, and develop, their social and communication skills with their friends in school.

Next week we will be sending out our termly traffic light attendance letters to all of our families. This is to ensure that all parents / carers are aware of their child's attendance. Your parental support is crucial in improving the outcomes, and life chances for your child.

Alongside this letter, I have also attached a DfE document called "Working Together to Improve School Attendance." This was published by the DfE in September 2022 to provide guidance and support for parents / carers in carrying out their legal responsibility in making sure that their children get a suitable fulltime education.

Next week, and throughout the year, we have a number of fun and exciting activities for our pupils in school. I would like to reassure all parents / carers that in school we are able to administer medication to pupils to support them in attending school and not missing out on these experiences.

We are all really looking forward to next week's activities; all of our children enjoying them if they are well enough to do so and our whole school attendance continuing to improve.

Together in God's Love we Learn, Inspire and Grow.

Your sincerely

Mr S. Jones
Headteacher