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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we have communicated previously, attendance nationally is still below what it was prior to the pandemic.

There has long been a clear link between strong attendance and strong attainment / progress, so it is understandable the Government and the Department for Education have made attendance a priority area to improve.

To this end the DfE have changed their approach to absence, the issuing of fines and what schools are now expected to do. This is summarised below:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>

The Leicestershire Local Authority have also requested that all schools circulate the PDF document attached [HERE](#) to parents to make it clear what these changes are and what they mean at a local level.

We are committed to ensuring students have strong attendance and working with all stakeholders to support where improvements are necessary. As a school we are obliged to work within this new framework when it comes into force in August 2024.

Yours sincerely

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