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Dear Parent/Carer

Showing Resilience in your Attendance

As the Autumn Term progresses and the weather begins to turn colder, we would like to take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of excellent school attendance for all of our pupils.

At Barr Beacon School, we are committed to developing not only academic excellence but also resilience and determination in our young people. As part of this, we are asking for your support in encouraging your child to attend school even if they are experiencing a slight cold or sniffle. Research shows that pupils with a **95% attendance rate are twice as likely to achieve the best possible grades** compared to those with 90% attendance. While a 5% difference may seem small, it equates to just **10 extra days in school across the year**—yet the impact on learning outcomes is significant. Every day really does matter.

When a pupil misses school, they miss more than just lessons. They miss key learning that can be difficult to catch up on, important messages, opportunities to participate in trips and extracurricular activities, time with friends, assemblies, breaktime and after-school events, visiting speakers, and access to in-school support and guidance.

School is a rich and dynamic environment, and regular attendance ensures that every pupil can fully benefit from all it has to offer.

Of course, if your child is genuinely unwell, they should remain at home to recover. However, we are urging pupils to attend school where possible, even when they are experiencing minor symptoms such as a runny nose or mild cold. This is a crucial part of developing the resilience we want to instil in all of our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child thrive at Barr Beacon School. By working together, we can ensure every pupil has the best possible chance of success—both academically and personally.

Yours sincerely,

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