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Dear Parents/Carers

Attendance at Nursery School

Since we started the academic year in September, I am aware that attendance for some children has not been consistent. Whilst children who are unwell should be at home until they are well enough to attend their sessions, it is also important to set a consistent routine for attendance. The benefits of regular attendance at Nursery include:

Good habits:

- It builds in young children the idea that getting up and coming to Nursery is part of their routine.
- Children who attend every session develop a feel for the rhythm of the week and gain a sense of security from the routine. If children don't attend regularly and consistently, they may find it harder to return to session after a period of absence.
- To support routine setting, you could remind your child of your daily routine and then cue them in regularly to this routine: 'Breakfast/Lunch first, then Nursery' or Get dressed, then leave for Nursery. If it would help, you could use pictures or objects of reference of your routine, such as clothes, then school bag, so that they can see what will happen next. Children will benefit from the routines you put in place and stick to.

Secure relationships:

- Young children find it easier to build and sustain a range of social relationships with adults and other children when they regularly attend Nursery.

Self-esteem:

- Children who miss few sessions at Nursery and also come on time are more likely to feel confident and secure in their daily routine. This is because they know what goes on and what to expect, and feel more confident with the adults and the other children.
- Regular attendance, on time, helps many young children to separate from their parents or carers at the start of the day and settle more readily.

Learning and Development:

- Learning experiences for children happen all the time, every day. Nursery staff want to take every opportunity to support and extend children's learning experiences.
- Experiences gained in one session are often developed further in the next session.
- Children learn in many different ways through play with others and through being in the company of staff who actively support their learning and development.

Please support your child by ensuring your child's attendance is regular and punctual. If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact either your keyworker, Mrs King the Lead Teacher, Mrs Phillips the Nursery Teacher or myself.

Kind regards

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