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Dear Parents and Guardians,

What a great first week back we had last week! It was lovely to see you all again, especially seeing the great majority of you in school, on time, everyday! Thank you!

At the end of last year, Mrs Galka gave me some very alarming statistics in relation to Attendance and Punctuality.

	Attendance for this year	Punctuality This year
Reception	86	385
Year 1	87	247
Year 2	93	341
Year 3	92	383
Year 4	92	283
Year 5	94.5	191
Year 6	93	224
TOTALS	91%	2054

As I am sure you will agree, this is shocking! Our school expectation is that **everybody** attends school **on time every day**.

Our minimum attendance expectation, as is the Government's, is **96%**. We understand if your child is poorly and cannot attend, however, we all need to go the extra mile and be on time and in school every day we can this year please.

10 or more sessions (1 session is either a morning or afternoon) of unauthorised absences over 2 terms can lead to a fine from Lancashire County Council. If you arrive after 905am, this is marked as an unauthorised absence and they very quickly mount up! Nobody wants a fine and indeed, we do not want to fine anyone, however, we have to follow LCC guidance.

If you are struggling to get into school in the morning, please chat with either Mrs Galka or Mrs Abbas, our school attendance leads.

Many thanks for your continual support.

Kind regards,

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