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Dear Parent

Attendance updates

We hope you and your children have enjoyed a pleasant Easter break and that your sons/daughters are now back in the routine of this school term. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify the expectations associated with school attendance relating to Covid-19. I would also like to update you on some staffing in our attendance team.

Covid-19

The government is no longer recommending that students test for Covid-19 using lateral flow tests even if they have symptoms of a respiratory infection. If your child has a temperature and symptoms of a respiratory infection (cough, runny nose, sore throat) they should stay at home.

If your child develops a temperature and symptoms of a respiratory infection at school, we will arrange with you for them to come home. It is recommended that students can return to school after three days of illness, as long as they are not displaying a high temperature.

Staffing

I am delighted to introduce Kayleigh Young, our new Attendance Officer. Miss Young will be supported by Mrs Sharman, our Data and Attendance Administrator. Miss Young has a wealth of experience working within schools and supporting young people to attend education.

We are very keen to encourage good attendance at school as we know that being in school makes a big difference to young people's academic progress and social development. Given that inevitably most of us have experienced disruption because of the pandemic we would ask you to prioritise your child's attendance in school and avoid making appointments or booking short breaks or holidays in term time. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

I look forward to another successful term.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Seath". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Helen Seath
Vice Principal