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## Hillside Primary School and Nursery

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19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

RE: Importance of School attendance

I wanted to remind you that good attendance is expected at Hillside Primary School. I would like to count on your support to encourage your child to achieve improved attendance by the end of term.

We urge you not to take your child on holiday during term time. In line with our school attendance policy, any holiday requests will not be authorised and may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice. We also encourage parents/carers to make medical and dental appointments out of school hours where possible. Where this is not possible, the pupil should be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary.

Term times are for education. This is the priority. Children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays. Absences will not be granted during term-time and will only be authorized in exceptional circumstances. Absences may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice.

### Reminder of dates

The last pupil day of this half term is **Friday 23rd May**. We return back to school on **Monday 2nd June** for the final half term.

The last day of the academic year is **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** and we return on **Wednesday 3rd September**.

**Let's all work together to support your child to attend school every day, on time, to make every day count.**

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Wass

