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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Sir William Stanier we have high expectations regarding the attendance of all students. Last half term, we noticed higher than normal levels of absence due to illness. As we begin this new half term, we wanted to write to all parents and carers to ensure you feel confident in making the right decisions when it comes to supporting your son/daughter to attend school regularly, even if they may have symptoms of mild illness.

There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly.

It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

In addition to respiratory illnesses, we are aware that students may be absent from school due to symptoms of anxiety. Worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. Being in school can often help alleviate the underlying issues. A prolonged period of absence is likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it. This is something that can be discussed with your son/daughter's pastoral manager, who are there to support our students each and every day.

We are committed to supporting all students to attend school regularly and will continue to have conversations with parents and carers to break down any barriers that may be in the way. As always, you can contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs. Taylor, directly to discuss any issue you may have.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Robinson

Headteacher

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