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Hi everyone,

Attendance has improved slightly across the school from December to January. Thank you for working with us to ensure your child attends school regularly.

We know that children who go to school every day have fun, learn more, form friendships and have the opportunity to gain new experiences. This develops their confidence and allows them to thrive in life.

However, there are lots of reasons why children may not be able to attend school including illnesses, appointments and family circumstances and we know how challenging this can be and sometimes unavoidable too. Likewise missing school can be so hard for children, when they return, they can feel out of place socially as they reconnect with friends, they may have missed learning which makes them anxious about going back into the classroom again.

Children can come to school with minor illnesses. Please see the link below from the NHS, for guidance.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#)

Grown-ups can help with punctuality and attendance by having good sleep patterns and morning routines in place. Have back up plans for getting to school if anything tricky comes up. Ask family, friends and neighbours to help out, or contact the school office and let us know you are struggling.

What we can do to help:

Listen to your concerns, listen to any worries your child may have about school, problem solve with you and signpost you to, such as the school nursing service or the family hub. There are specialists who may be able to help with specific issues and we are able to make reasonable changes in school for your child should they be experiencing difficulties.

Please ask us for help before your concerns become too serious.

Best wishes,
Emma Garner, Attendance Welfare Officer

