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Dear Parent/Carer,

Holidays/Absences during term time

This letter is for all parents/carers to provide information about holidays in term time.

In Wales we want all our pupils to achieve success, so it is important that parents do their best to support pupils in attending school for the full 190 days in an academic year.
Under the Education Act (1996), it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that their son/daughter attend school.
Regular attendance is vital and missing school can have a significant impact on achievement over a one year period as illustrated below:

Attendance 95-100%	Best chance of success	Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity
Attendance 90-95%	At least 2 weeks learning missed	Satisfactory. Your child may need to spend time catching up with work.
Attendance 85-90%	At least 4 weeks of learning missed	Your child may be at risk of underachieving and May need extra support from you to catch up with work.
Attendance 80-85%	At least 5 ½ weeks of learning missed	Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on learning.
Attendance below 80%	At least 7 ½ weeks of learning missed	Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education.

We will authorise only 5 days of holiday during term times if attendance is above 95%. Additional absences taken for holiday during term time will be recorded as unauthorised.

We hope that you can support school policy and arrange your holidays around the existing 175 days the schools are closed through weekends and school holidays and help us support your child in achieving success in school.

Yours sincerely,

Rhodri Jones
Headteacher