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Dear Parents,

I hope you are all well and term has started smoothly for your child.

I am writing in response to the flurry of holiday requests I have received since returning from Easter. I appreciate that Covid meant that holidays, weddings and events were sadly postponed but the Local Authority and School's position on term time holidays remains the same. They will not be authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.

Unfortunately, even with Covid related absence removed, our attendance data is the lowest it has ever been, particularly in our reception cohort, and this is something we are working hard to improve.

I have re-attached the letter that was emailed to all parents in September about penalty notices.

Therefore, please do not book term time holidays. Children need to be in school every day to access their education and ensure their learning is not compromised.

Can I also remind families that as a Banbury Partnership of Schools, families will only be authorised for one day per academic year for religious observance.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Best wishes.

Mrs Sarah Horbury-Jakeman Headteacher