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Dear Parent/Carer

Yesterday, 13% of our children were absent from school.

Attending school every day is the most important factor in ensuring your child receives the very best education.

Since the pandemic, attendance figures such as ours today, have become a national, and local crisis.

There is a strong positive correlation between attendance at school and GCSE outcomes here at the Ellis Guilford School. When children attend, they receive excellent teaching, and as a result, do well in their exams. There were 12% of Year 11 children absent from school today. This is a real concern and needs rectifying immediately.

Missing school for two weeks for a holiday, will mean that your child will miss 50 hours of learning new things in lessons, some of which they will never be taught in lessons again. They may however, face questions relating to these new things in upcoming exams.

Having a day off every week or fortnight will mean that children miss five hours of new learning on each occasion. As lessons are planned in a sequence, this also has an impact on the ability of children to pick up new learning in future lessons, based on prior knowledge.

We are encouraging children to attend regularly through our various rewards programmes, including 'Plan 4 Jan', and really appreciate all you are doing to ensure your children attend school every day.

Your child's attendance is of upmost importance to us. Our children deserve the absolute best education. Please do let us know if there is anything we can do to support your child in attending school.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs G Johnson  
Head of School