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Dear Parents / Carers of Caterpillar and Butterfly Pupils,

As Autumn term 1 comes to a close, I am writing to draw your attention to the importance of regular and consistent attendance at Nursery. We are very aware that our youngest children suffer the most with coughs and colds and are more likely to catch some of the bugs due to their close proximity to each other within the setting at this young age. However, we have also had some examples this term of pupils having extensive time absent from nursery for holidays, tiredness, family difficulties and some very minor ailments.

Children can find it challenging to settle into a new environment at this age, especially if this is their first experience of separating from a parent or carer with whom they have a secure attachment. We are pleased to say that the majority of our Nursery pupils settled fairly quickly in September. However, when a child misses a session, or a few sessions at Nursery, they can find this transition back very challenging, which can be upsetting for both them and you as parents and carers.

Please note that once children are in Reception (statutory school age), the Government expectation for attendance is 96% minimum. The Early Years, which includes our Nursery provision, is the best time to support your child to become used to the routines and expectations of coming to school daily and benefits everyone in the long run.

Over Autumn Term 2, we would appreciate it if all our Nursery families could have a big push on attendance and only keep your little ones off if they are clearly unwell. If you have any questions or queries, please speak to me, Mrs Leslie, Miss Lewis or Mrs Savory. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

Mrs H. Broom

Executive Headteacher