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Attendance

Dear parent/carers,

This week our attendance is 95% across KEPS , not bad for this time of year!

Contrary to rumours that seem to be circulating, we do not authorise holiday absence unless in exceptional circumstances such as for a family bereavement, end of life related issue or military service leave. Obviously each case is considered in its own right but essentially, holidays are never authorised. If you happen to hear otherwise ... it's not true!

DFE guidelines mean that penalty notices are issued in specific circumstances however, we implemented a grace period of October half term and any family able to prove that their holiday was booked before such time have been supported accordingly. Absence is still unauthorised, but penalty notices wouldn't be issued.

Data clearly shows that children with the highest attendance rates achieve much higher than those with lower attendance. This is amplified year on year. This includes Year 6 SATs, GCSE's, A Levels, apprenticeships and Degrees . Actually, it also includes work placed performance and transfers to income rates too.

Aside from all of this... we love having the children in school. We want them in as much as possible, everyday, on time, so please help to keep our attendance at KEPS as high as possible.

Regards,

Mr Callaghan Wetton