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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have been enjoying the first half term as much as your children. It has been a fantastic start to this new academic year and so much has already been achieved in such a short amount of time.

One area that has been really successful this term has been your continued hard work and partnership with our schools in making sure that your children attend school regularly. Coming to school is much more than just about learning the curriculum. Coming to school is a central part of a child's development and, I am more than ever convinced, is vital especially after seeing the impact of Covid on the development of children who could not attend at that time. School plays such a central role in enabling children to experience, grow, play and also learn how to be part of a society. It is at school that they understand systems and procedures and learn the skills needed to make friendships and navigate their way through a complicated world, preparing them for their future lives. This is just as important for the children attending in early years as well as the older children, in order for them all to thrive.

I hope that over the half term you get time to spend time together as a family and enjoy the different events taking place at this time of year. As always, it is an honour and a privilege to work with yourselves, our communities, our staff and, most importantly, the children and I want to thank you in advance for all the support that you give our schools in order that we may continue to work together to achieve for all.

Have a great break.

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