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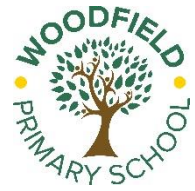
## Woodfield Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term. I hope as families you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas/ holiday period.

You will know from previous correspondence the emphasis we place upon attendance and the importance of your child/ren attending school as much as possible. Even this week, there has been a Department for Education release of a new report which details a national drive to improve pupils' attendance. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/major-national-drive-to-improve-school-attendance>.

Within the release of the report, Gillian Keegan, the Education Secretary of State writes:

*"The benefits of our success in raising education standards can only be when all children are in school. Tackling attendance is my number one priority. We want all our children to have the best start in life because we know that attending school is vital to a child's wellbeing, development, and attainment as well as impact future career success."*

As part of our own school's drive to have the highest attendance possible and our commitment to sharing information with you, we have attached your child's attendance certificate for you to look at. As a guide to evaluate your child's current attendance, we adhere to the Department for Education's expectation of all children having attendance of 95%+ plus.

I am aware that during the autumn term, a significant number of children were ill with chickenpox and a host of illnesses such as colds, coughs, high temperatures and viral infections. I hope as the new term starts and progresses, children will be well and in school every day.

In an instance of illness, please continue contacting school as soon as possible on your child's first day of absence informing us of the reason for their non-attendance. If we can help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Cox, our Attendance and Medical Officer; she will be more than happy to offer you any assistance, guidance or support.

Thank you for your support.

*S Arnold / S Cox*

Mr S Arnold (Executive Headteacher) and Mrs S Cox (Attendance and Medical Officer)