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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have heard in the media that the Government is making some significant changes to school attendance legislation. This new legislation aims to ensure consistent school attendance among children, emphasising its importance in their education.

Regular school attendance is of course crucial in ensuring our children achieve the best outcomes, both academically and socially. I am pleased to say that the vast majority of our parent body seem to share this opinion as is clear by our high attendance rates, which are in fact one of the highest in the city. I would like to thank you for your relentless determination to get your children out of beds and into school, come rain or shine. Please keep on doing what you're doing!

Moving forwards, there are more stringent rules being brought into force which all schools across the country will have to adhere to, so please take the time to read the letter attached in this email. The new rules come into force from 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024. It is important for me to stress that this legislation is a statutory governmental initiative. Any financial penalties imposed do not benefit the school in any way, as monies are collected at a council level. Our primary concern has always been the welfare and development of our students, and we will continue to work closely with parents and carers to ensure that their children receive the best possible education and support.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding our approach to attendance or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We value open communication and are always here to address any queries you may have.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership as we navigate through these changes together.

Warmest Regards,

Mrs G. Harvey

