



Tuesday 13th December, 2016

Re: Attendance

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing with some information about attendance at school. As we approach the end of the term, I check the attendance of children across school. It seems that this term, attendance has been particularly low for some children, and this has led to low attendance figures for the school. In part this is owing to increased sickness, which is common at this time of year, but I have also received a large number of Leave of Absence requests.

Good attendance at school is essential for children to succeed at Princeville and in their lives ahead. If children miss school, they miss the learning and we cannot recover this time later, meaning children with low attendance often do not achieve as well as children who attend every day.

As a parent, I am fully aware of the challenges of a family, the demands of family celebrations/events, and the increased cost of taking holidays during school holiday times. I am committed to supporting you wherever this is possible. To enable you to support your child and the school, I have attached the attendance rewards information and the school Attendance Policy (available from the School Office if you are not on ParentMail). If you intend to request Leave of Absence, please refer to the policy first.

As Headteacher, I want the very best for your child and for the community as a whole, and this starts with good attendance at school.

Can I also thank the parents of over two-hundred children in school who have attended 100% since September, this is a fantastic achievement in itself!

As always, I appreciate your support in providing your child with the very best opportunities for the future.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr R Lewis

Headteacher