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Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to begin by thanking all parents and carers for their support in helping to improve attendance over the past week. When our families work together, this supports every child in the academy to succeed.

At Dixons Newall Green, we know that students may occasionally feel unwell or face challenges affecting their attendance. However, regular attendance is essential for your child's education, personal development, and overall success.

If your child wakes feeling unwell and you're unsure whether they should attend, you may find the NHS guidance, "*Is my child too ill for school?*", helpful. In most cases, we encourage you to send your child in so we can monitor them. If you're in any doubt, please email kmartin@dixonsng.com for advice.

To further support students, parents and carers are welcome to drop off paracetamol or Calpol at reception, labelled with your child's name. To ensure learning time is not disrupted, students will only be allowed to leave lessons to take paracetamol or other non-urgent or time dependent medication during break or lunch. This helps us minimise time out of class and ensures that students remain fully engaged in their learning throughout the day.

As we approach the warmer months, please encourage your child to stay hydrated and take care in the sun to help avoid sunstroke and time off school. If your child suffers from hay fever, you may also drop off any necessary medication at reception for use during break and lunch time.

We'd like to remind all families that the school day begins promptly at **8:00 am**. Arriving on time ensures your child is registered and ready to start the day positively.

Thank you once again for your continued support. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance or well-being, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Kat Martin
Assistant Principal