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## Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe we have reached the end of 2022. Although it has not been as turbulent as 2021, we are ending with the fear of Scarlet Fever and Strep A. Whilst this is a worry the number of cases still remain low. However, if you have concerns then please do follow the guidance sent out to you all.

All our schools continue to work extremely hard to support all the children in their care. I know some of our children are still suffering from the aftereffects of the pandemic, but we urge you to ensure that they attend school. Our staff will continue to provide the support that they need to continue readjusting to school life. Always speak to the school if you have any concerns about your child. The government guidelines are very clear on the expectation that children and young people attend school every day, right to the end of term. In September this year the government produced new guidance on attendance. It stressed the importance of all children being in school and provided local authorities with very clear guidelines on what was expected.

It has been a joy this term to start getting out to visit schools again. I am so impressed by the attitudes of our children and young people and how they go about their learning. They are always keen to share their learning with me and I do enjoy these conversations. They are so well supported by our wonderful staff. I am sure share with me our thanks for their dedication and hard work. I would also like to thank you once again for the tremendous support in supporting your children and their schools this year.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your families and that 2023 is a more stable year for all.
Yours sincerely


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