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**Dear parents and carers of Nursery children,**

**Re: Attendance Expectations for Early Years Children**

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Church Gresley Infant and Nursery School for the new academic year. Although attendance for children under statutory school age is not legally required, we would like to emphasise the importance of regular attendance in supporting your child's early development and learning.

Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage benefit greatly from consistent routines, social interaction, and engaging learning experiences. Regular attendance helps them to:

- Build strong relationships with peers and staff
- Develop confidence and independence
- Establish positive attitudes towards learning
- Make steady progress in key areas of development

We kindly ask that you support your child's learning by ensuring they attend regularly and arrive on time each day. If your child is unwell or unable to attend, please inform the school as soon as possible.
While we understand that occasional absences may be unavoidable, we encourage you to avoid taking holidays during term time and to speak with us if you are experiencing any difficulties that may affect attendance.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you to give your child the best possible start to their education. If you have any questions or concerns about attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully
Mrs E J Cripps

Headteacher