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🌟 Early Years – The Importance of Regular Attendance 🌟

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your family are well and enjoying the start of the term. At Church Gresley Infant and Nursery School, we are committed to giving every child the best possible start to their learning journey. One of the most important ways you can support your child's development is by ensuring they attend school regularly and on time.

🏫 Why Attendance Matters in the Early Years

Although your child is still very young, regular attendance is vital. Here's why:

- **Building Routines:** Attending school every day helps children develop a sense of routine and security.
- **Learning Foundations:** Early Years education lays the groundwork for literacy, numeracy, and social skills.
- **Confidence and Friendships:** Being in school helps children build relationships and confidence in a safe, nurturing environment.

🗓️ What We Expect

We understand that children may occasionally be unwell, but we ask that you:

- Aim for **at least 98% attendance** over the school year.
- **Call the school** on the first day of any absence.
- **Avoid holidays** during term time.
- **Arrive on time** – the school day starts at 8.50am and being late can be unsettling for your child.

💬 How We Can Help

If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school regularly or on time, please speak to us. We are here to help and can offer support in a range of ways, including:

- Advice on morning routines
- Support with transport or childcare
- Referrals to family support services if needed

🌈 **Let's Work Together**
We want every child to thrive, and that starts with being in school, ready to learn. Thank you for your continued support in making attendance a priority.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or Miss Grimes our Child and Family Support Worker. There is also some additonal information regarding attendance on our website under 'Key Information/Attendance.

Yours faithfully

EJ Cripps

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