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Dear Parents and Carers,

Heath View Academy has always recognised that good attendance is central to raising standards and pupil attainment. Also good attendance allows children to benefit from all the social interaction and wide learning opportunities they experience whilst at school, that they cannot access at home. As well as this getting into the habit of good attendance is something that will promote future success in all areas of life.

You may have seen and heard a lot of news in the press recently in relation to a court case *Platt vs Isle of Wight*. On May 13 2016 Mr Platt successfully argued against a fixed penalty notice (FPN) issued by Isle of Wight council in relation to a holiday taken in term time. As a result of this schools and local authorities became reluctant to pursue FPNs arising due to holidays taken in term time. On 6th April this year, the Supreme Court overturned the previous decision and upheld the rights of schools and local authorities to seek a FPN if a holiday was taken in school time without agreement from the Headteacher.

With this in mind and going forward from this point, should a child not attend school we may decide to pass this information onto the local authority who may issue a fixed penalty notice. This is in line with our attendance policy available on our website which has been agreed by our governing body.

Should you need to keep your child at home for any reason we would remind you to contact us as soon as is possible. Keeping channels of communication open means that we can support you if your child is absent.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Million