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September 12<sup>th</sup> 2016.

Dear Parents/Carers.

Hasland Junior School has always put a high priority on attendance and because of this and because of your on-going support, the attendance at our school has always been seen as good.

To ensure this remains the case, can I remind you about the impact poor attendance can have on progress:

365 days each year.	<b>175 Non School Days A Year</b> 175 days spent on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments.					
	<b>190 school days in each year.</b>  <b>190 days for your child's education.</b>	10 days absence	19 days absence	28 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
		<b>180 days of education.</b>	<b>171 days of education</b>	<b>161 days of education</b>	<b>152 days of education</b>	<b>143 days of education</b>
	100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
	<b>Best chance of success.</b> <b>Gets your child off to a flying start.</b>	<b>Worrying.</b> <b>Less chance of success.</b> <b>Makes it harder to make progress.</b>		<b>Serious concern</b> <b>Not fair on your child.</b> <b>Court Action !</b>		
<b>Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.</b>						
<b>Every School Day Counts.</b>						



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I would therefore be very grateful if you could ensure your child is in school as much as possible during the forthcoming year as this gives them the best chance of success.

Could I also ask you to make sure that your child arrives on time.

School starts at 8.55am and our playground gates are locked promptly at this time. The gates from the Green are locked promptly at 9.00am.

After these times, the only way to access the building is via the main office.

Can I also remind you that we no longer authorise absence for 'normal' family holidays.

Leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances such as :

- Family weddings.
- Family Funerals
- Prison visits.

Please be aware that when leave of absence is not authorised and parents /carers still take their child out of school, this may result in Penalty Notices being issued and further involvement by the Educational Welfare Service.

The cost of Penalty Notice is currently £120 to be paid within 28 days. The cost reduces to £60 if paid within 21 days. (Where 2 parents are issued with penalty Notices for the same child, the fine will apply to both parents and the cost doubles)

Thank you again for your on-going support with attendance.

Yours sincerely,

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