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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you have enjoyed your summer break and that you and your children are looking forward to the new school year and the exciting opportunities that it will bring.

You may have seen posters across the city with the slogan 'Every school day matters!' We know that being in school on time, every day gives children the best possible chance of being successful in their future.

We are writing to you and every parent of a school aged child in the city to encourage all pupils to take every opportunity to attend school this year. We know that good school attendance is very important for learning. It is also vital for so many other areas of children and young people's social and emotional development.

We also know that many children in Sheffield have missed a lot of their education in the past few years. Being in school means that pupils can catch up on any missed learning. When in school, pupils can also access the many types of support available in the city as well as build the skills they need for their future. It is really important that as a parent you make sure that your child goes to school every day.

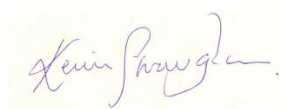
The health and wellbeing of your child is important and we want to do all that we can to protect them. While your child is in school can we also ask that you support them in receiving all of the free routine vaccinations they are entitled to this academic year. Your NHS provides all routine vaccinations and they only take a couple of minutes to complete. Vaccinations are one of the most important things we can do to protect our children, families, and communities and help prevent deaths from infectious diseases each year. Information on vaccinations your child is entitled to receive can be found by visiting www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations

If you have any concerns about your child going to school, it is important to tell someone at your school as soon as possible. There is help and support available.

If you have any other concerns or questions about school attendance, you are welcome to contact our team at sheffieldinclusion&attendance@sheffield.gov.uk

For more about school attendance in Sheffield, have a look at the information on our website here: www.sheffield.gov.uk/schoolmatters

Yours sincerely



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