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Dear Parents/Carers

<u>Maximising Attendance – Information for Parents</u>

We wrote to you at the start of this school session regarding the work that staff from the Central Education Team are undertaking in collaboration with other services which support children and young people to attend school regularly. We asked for parents, carers and young people to complete a short survey to help us understand their views and experiences and to inform effective approaches and supports to help children and young people attend school and make the most of their education. We have received a number of responses and are currently analysing the parent/carer survey.

Many responses from this survey requested that the Central Education Team provide information to help parents/carers to understand the importance of school attendance and also requested support and advice for parents/carers of young people who are worried about attending school.

We hope that the Maximising Attendance information leaflet attached provides useful information.

The young people's survey remains open and we would welcome further responses, in particular from pupils who are currently having difficulties attending school. The survey can be accessed by clicking on the link below or scanning the QR code provided.

Children/Young People survey https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VRKCVNF

If you are worried about your child's attendance, please keep in touch with your child's school who can discuss a range of supports with you.

Yours sincerely

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