



*Learning together, playing together;
all for one, one for all*

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Dear Parents



Please find enclosed a letter from the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership (DASP) that outlines the importance of attendance and the process undertaken if school attendance becomes a concern.

This covering letter from the Governors is to state our support for the Headteacher and the school staff in seeking to ensure that attendance at the school is strong and to ask for parents support for the school and its staff in this respect. As with all schools, Milborne St Andrew First School works closely with children and parents in connection with attendance so that each child can achieve their full potential. The letter from the Headteacher and the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership makes the case for why school attendance is so important.

We would like to further mention the problem of holidays taken during term time. Mrs Hunt cannot agree to these and to ask permission puts her in a difficult position. We know that absence from school, even for a short time, impacts on a child's learning, their friendships and their self-esteem and confidence. Learning is consecutive and whole topics of work can be lost by a week of absence during that topic.

We would therefore ask parents for their support in avoiding term time holidays and in ensuring that your child's/children's attend school in a timely manner.

Local Governors

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