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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week your child will receive their last Praising Stars report of this academic year. Here, you'll find the picture of where they are after another academic year of learning. You'll be able to see their effort, and whether they are really trying their best. There are some really important questions for you as a family: is their effort translating into good progress? Are they achieving their potential as a result of good effort and good attendance? If not, set your goals for the next academic year.

So, look closely at their attendance figures. Remember, anything below 95% is classed as poor attendance, with below 90% classed as a persistent absentee: 90% attendance represents four weeks off in a school year, which would have a significantly negative impact on your child's potential success if continued through their school life. Attendance really does matter. There is no secret to this: if they attend, our teachers will ensure they get the grades they deserve. There is no bigger influence on results than attendance combined with effort in and out of lessons - it's a magic combination.

We need to ensure that all students have the ability to give their best with the right support available. At the school, we have a wealth of support available in addition to class teachers for students who need additional support including our personalised learning centre, our Bridge for intervention work, our EAL department, our personal development centre, not to mention the talented teaching assistants and one to one tutors we have in school in maths, English and science., If you have any concerns about your child's progress, or their support needs, please feel free to contact their learning manager or school directly, and we can look at what else needs to be done to support your child be the best they can be.

Thanks as ever for your support of the school.

Yours faithfully,



Danielle Sheehan
Principal