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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we move towards the end of the autumn term, we are launching our **November and December Attendance Challenge** to encourage excellent attendance and celebrate students who make the commitment to be in school every day.

We know that attendance can be particularly challenging during November and December. As the weather becomes colder, seasonal illnesses such as colds, flu and other winter viruses become more common. Darker mornings and evenings can also make it harder for young people to maintain positive routines and motivation. In addition, the excitement and busy schedules that come with the festive season can sometimes disrupt regular attendance.
At Sir Jonathan North, we know that **every lesson counts**. Strong attendance helps students achieve their academic potential, develop positive routines, maintain friendships and fully participate in school life. Even a small number of missed days can have a significant impact on learning.

Be Here, Belong Here, Be SJNGC.

From **Monday 16th November** until the end of term, students have the opportunity to take part in our **Attendance Challenge**. Throughout the challenge, we will be rewarding students who demonstrate excellent attendance and achieve attendance improvements.
Excellent attendance supports not only achievement, but also confidence, wellbeing and future opportunities.
You can support your child by:

- Ensuring your child arrives to school by 8:25.
- Ensuring your child is dressed appropriately for the weather with a warm coat and suitable footwear.
- Ensuring your child is wearing their school blazer/jumper.
- Booking routine appointments outside school hours wherever possible.
- Encouraging good sleep routines and preparation for the school day.
- Contacting the school promptly if your child is unwell.
- Talking positively about the importance of attendance and learning.

We understand that students may occasionally be absent due to genuine illness. If your child is too unwell to attend school, please continue to follow our normal absence reporting procedures.

We are looking forward to celebrating the efforts of our students and working together to maximise attendance across the school community. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child make the most of every learning opportunity.

Every day matters. Every lesson matters. Every student matters.

Yours Faithfully

Ms Bharruchi