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Dear parents/carers,

At Dame Elizabeth Cadbury School, excellent attendance for all pupils is one of our top priorities. We are keen to encourage all pupils to take advantage of every opportunity available to them at school and for that to happen it is important they are here.

'Love Attendance' – 10-14th February

To continue to promote and reward outstanding attendance, we are running our 'Love Attendance' incentive between the 10th and 14th of February.

Roses are red, violets are blue, we love attendance, and you should too!

If your child attends school every day on time between Monday 10th and Friday 14th February, they will receive a Valentines treat on Friday 14th. They will also be entered into a raffle where the lucky winner in each year group will receive a £20 Amazon voucher.

As you know, your child should be in school every day, but every effort should be made to ensure 100% attendance during these periods. If you have made medical or dental appointments during either of these periods, we kindly ask that you make every effort to rearrange these if possible. If not, please ensure that your child only misses the minimum amount of time and not a whole morning or afternoon.

Year 11 college interviews

If your child (Year 11) has a college interview during school hours, please inform us in advance so that they can be coded accordingly. Absences for this reason will be authorised. Please note, your child should still attend school before and/or after the interview. On their return, your child should speak to their teachers to collect any work missed.

Illness

We know that sometimes our pupils cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other pupils. Medical advice is clear however that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school?](#) - NHS (www.nhs.uk) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.



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Medical appointments

A reminder that you should make medical or dental appointments for your child before or after the school day where possible. If your child must attend a medical or dental appointment during the school day, they should attend school before and/or after the appointment. Please ensure evidence is provided for a medical absence to be authorised.

Weduc

It has been brought to our attention following the introduction of absence reporting via Weduc that some pupils may have access to their parents' or carers' accounts. Please ensure that your child does not report an absence via Weduc and that passwords are kept secure.

We look forward to the exciting opportunities ahead and remain committed to the success and wellbeing of every pupil. Thank you, and let's continue to **'Strive for Excellence'**.

Yours sincerely



Mr C Seager
Head of School

