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Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that from January 2019 we will be implementing a new attendance policy and procedure for all children attending Beaver Road Primary School.

At Beaver Road we recognise that attendance is essential if children are to achieve their full potential. As a Rights Respecting School we also acknowledge under Article 18 and 28 the importance of working together with parents and carers to ensure children have full access to the education provided for them.

- *Article 18 (parental responsibilities and state assistance)* - Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child.
- *Article 28 (right to education)* - Every child has the right to an education.

We believe that regular school attendance is the key to enabling children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them and become emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults who are able to realise their full potential and make a positive contribution to their community.

Due to a drop in our children attendance levels to below both national and local figures, the Governing Body have made the decision to bring our policy and procedures in line with the rest of Manchester.

Attached is a letter written jointly with Manchester City Council to explain some of the major changes and the processes involved. We will also be emailing a copy of our new attendance policy to all parents and carers, and a copy will be available on our school website. Please note that this policy will be implemented from January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019.

In addition, we will continue to promote good attendance with the children in school and from January we will be introducing a weekly whole school class award for the best attendance.

We look forward to working with you to positively improve the attendance of all our children at Beaver Road.

Yours sincerely,

David How  
Headteacher