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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you regarding Census Day.

As you are aware, budget setting is extremely important in any sector. KCC do this for schools by a Census Day twice a year; one in October and the other in January. Census literally counts the number of pupils who walk through the door and the number who have a school dinner on that specific day. This then dictates the school's budget for the following year, which is set based on the number calculated.

Attendance is always extremely important; if children are not in school, they cannot learn. However, as I am sure you will also understand, the money we are allocated from KCC each April is also vital for the number of staff we can employ, the resources we can buy and the programmes we can offer your child/ren to assist with learning and deliver an enriched curriculum.

This term our Census Day is **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. We have a special menu to encourage children to ask for a school dinner, however I cannot stress enough how much we need your support on this day – to get the children in and registered, and to encourage them to opt for the school dinner.

Our numbers are going up, which is fantastic! However, we need census day to reflect our need for an increase in budget.

Of course, if your child is poorly, then we would not want them to come in unwell. However, we would appreciate your support with slight colds etc., to ensure we have as many children in on that day as possible.

Yours sincerely

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