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[Your Name]
[Your Address]
[City, State, ZIP Code]
[Email Address]
[Phone Number]
[Date]
[Principal's Name]
[School's Name]
[School's Address]
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Dear [Principal's Name],
I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you that my
child, [Child's Name], a student in [Grade/Class], will be unable to
attend [specific school function/event, e.g., the school play, field
trip] on [date] due to [reason, e.g., a family commitment, illness,
etc.].
We understand the importance of participation in school events and regret
any inconvenience this may cause. Please let us know if any assignments
or activities can be made up afterward.
Thank you for your understanding.
Sincerely,
[Your Name]
[Your Signature (if sending a hard copy)]
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