

Attendance

Regular school attendance is needed for children to achieve their best. As your child starts full time school it is very important that they are in school every day. Good attendance and being on time for school is essential for both your child, their class and our school.

As children move from Nursery to Reception it is especially important to get into the good routine of attending school on time every day.

When children are asked why they think it is important to come to school every day, (except when they are ill), they said:

- You have to work every day to learn to read and write,
- You miss work that the other children have done,
- You forget what you have learnt,
- It's fun!
- You miss your friends.

For all children, the minimum acceptable level of attendance is 97%.

A school attendance of 90% may sound good but this actually means your child is missing half a day of school every week. Add this up over their whole time in school and it works out at over one year's absence!

The Government says that any child with attendance of 90% or below is a persistent absentee, no matter what the reason is. Children's attendance is monitored in school and if there is anything stopping your child coming to school, please do come and talk to us about it and we will do our best to help.

Holidays

We politely ask that holidays are not booked during term time. In line with both Government legislation and our Attendance Policy, any holidays taken in term time unfortunately will be classed as an unauthorised absence (unless there are very exceptional circumstances) and may result in a fixed penalty notice and subsequent fine being issued on behalf of the school by the local authority.

Sickness

If your child is poorly and is unable to come to school, we ask that you telephone school and let us know before 9.30am. Where no message is received the school has a policy of telephoning parents to ascertain why your child is not at school. If we are unable to contact you we may visit your home to ensure everyone is safe and well.

We look forward to working with all families to achieve positive attendance and thank you for your support.

