



ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

21st May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

The school is continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality and we are writing to remind you that we expect children's attendance to be at 96% - this is in line with government expectations. Currently, we remain below this and need your continuing support to ensure we hit this important mark. THANK YOU SO MUCH to those families who have been working hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high.

As part of our attendance strategy to improve and promote attendance we have launched an Attendance Newsletter.

The aim of this newsletter is to:

- Continue to raise awareness of the importance of good attendance
- Inform parents/carers of the schools policies and procedures
- Inform parents/carers of the schools current attendance figure
- Provide helpful tips on getting your child to school on time
- Promote the rewards for pupils who attend every day and on time

This newsletter will be issued termly to all parents and we hope you will find this helpful and informative.

100% Attendance

41 pupils have achieved 100% attendance since September 2017.

Our whole school target is 96%; we are heading in the right direction to achieve our school target for the whole year. We are currently at 95.18%.

A large, 3D, red graphic of the text '100%' with a slight shadow, positioned to the right of the 100% attendance section.

Feeling under the weather

If your child is just 'feeling under the weather', we can provide support at school by encouraging them to drink plenty of water and providing a space indoors during break and lunchtime. We can also administer medicines such as calpol, paracetamol or cough medicine and we will always contact you if the situation worsens.

IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY FACTS



If your child's attendance during the school year is.....	Your child would have lost approximately.....	Or they would have missed approximately
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons
70%	57 days	290 lessons
65%	67 days	340 lessons

**You should not take your child on holiday during term time.
REMEMBER: ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY**



In a school year, if your child is late everyday by.....	Your child would have lost approximately.....	Or they would have missed approximately
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

**Encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance
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Did you know?

It has been proven that children who do not attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Fall behind in their school work
- Find it difficult to make and keep friends
- Be unhappy at school
- Get into bad routines that can affect them getting or keeping a job later in life

What does 90% attendance mean?

- 90% attendance = ½ school day missed every week!
- One school year at 90% attendance = 4 weeks of learning missed!
- Over 5 school years of school = ½ school year missed!
- All children and young people nationally whose school attendance is 90% or below are considered to be persistent absentees.

Family Holidays and term time leave

Parents/carers should ensure that family holidays and any term time leave are arranged outside of school term time. Parents/carers should not remove their child from school during term time without having first requested a leave of absence in writing from the Headteacher. All requests for authorised absence will be responded to in writing and will only be authorised in the most extreme circumstances. If permission is not granted, but the child is still absent, the absence is classed as unauthorised and parents/carers will be issued with a penalty notice.

Your children only attend school for 190 days out of 365. This leaves 175 days for holidays. Please book your holidays during these 175 days.

Why is good attendance and punctuality important?

Education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Regular and punctual attendance at school is key to both academic and social development, which in turn will improve the life chances of children and young people.

Attendance rewards

Well done to all the children that achieved a 100% attendance throughout the Autumn and Spring term. 85 pupils achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn term and received a bronze certificate. 28 pupils achieved 100% attendance for the Spring term and received a bronze certificate and 41 pupils received a silver certificate for 100% attendance throughout both terms.

Congratulations to Kian Puddephatt for winning the £10 book voucher raffle prize for attendance.



Best wishes

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