



Newsletter

13th October 2023

Good evening everyone. We have made it to the end of another busy week! The children have been doing some exciting learning and have produced excellent work as a result! It has been wonderful to see all of the fantastic things happening in school.

In this newsletter, I would like to remind you of our new approach to attendance and punctuality. We all know how important it is to have children in school, on time, every day: there are benefits to children's wellbeing, academic achievements and their friendships.

What we will do in school:

- Make learning engaging and fun – we want children to enjoy coming to school
- Ensure school is a welcoming environment
- Celebrate good attendance and promote the importance of attendance in a weekly assembly
- Have termly prize draws for those with good attendance
- Speak to families and children to discuss any barriers to attendance
- Provide individualised support to get children into school where needed

What we need parents to do:

- Bring your child to school on time (8:30 – 8:40am) each day
- Book appointments outside of school time, where possible
- If your child really is too ill for school (see NHS document) then call school each day that your child is off
- Speak to school if you, or your child have any worries or feel anxious – we will do our best to help!

Our new attendance strategy is based around the number of days a child has been absent, rather than a percentage. You will be notified as your child reaches each stage, so that we can work together to prevent the absences becoming persistent. At certain points, you will be allocated a time for a meeting to discuss your child's attendance with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. It is important that you attend these meetings, as it will be noted that you are fully engaging with school to improve attendance.

It is important that your child is on time each day as the registers will close after 30 minutes and any late marks after that time will mean that the whole morning is unauthorised. (This is in line with the government guidance). **Our registers will close at 9:10am each morning and 1:15pm each afternoon.**

Please see the attached visual which outlines the steps at each stage. You will be notified which stage you are at on the day your child reaches certain numbers of days off. This is important so that you can see how much time off your child is having, but also so that we can work together to improve attendance straight away in order to achieve the best outcomes for our children.

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!

