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Attendance Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly I would like to introduce myself, I am Miss Wilson and I have recently taken over the role of Attendance and Safeguarding Officer.

Secondly, and most importantly, a BIG well done and thank you to all the families who are trying hard to get their children to school everyday.

Children are expected to be in school every day unless they have an illness which requires them to stay home. Please see the Public Health guidance and sickness information which explains which illnesses need treatment along with the period of time to be absent from school.

Chicken Pox – A period of only 5 days from the onset of the rash is needed.

Shingles – Exclusion only if the rash is weeping and cannot be covered

Sickness & Diarrhoea – 48 hours clear

Impetigo – 48 hours after starting treatment

Scarlet Fever – can return 24 hours after starting antibiotics

Coughs and colds – No time off is needed

High Temperatures – A child can come to school with a slight temperature if it is being controlled with paracetamol/ibuprofen. Parents can come into school to administer medicine half way through the day. I have a thermometer in school to take children's temperatures, Please let me know if you would like your child's temperature monitored

Hand, foot & mouth – no restrictions

Slapped cheek – no restrictions

Cold sores – no restrictions

Conjunctivitis – no restrictions

Head lice – no restrictions

Ear infections – no restrictions

Sore throat – no need to keep off school

Threadworms – Can remain in school

Ringworm – once started treatment can return to school.

Rash – No restrictions

The DFE are in the process of reviewing attendance policies and procedures nationally. There is a clear expectation that all schools have robust attendance protocols. This is to ensure that all children attend school regularly and recover lost learning from the pandemic.

LATES CAN ALSO AFFECT ATTENDANCE
Lateness after 8.50am is classed as an unauthorised late mark, this will affect your child's attendance!

What is the plan.....

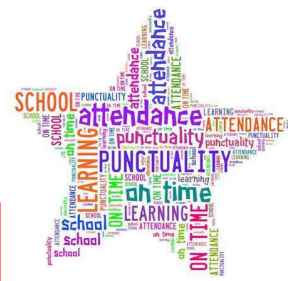
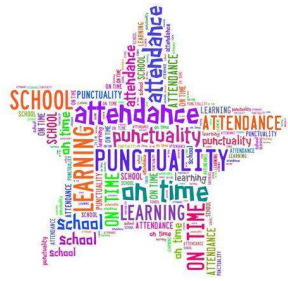
- I will be monitoring attendance closely going forward
- I will reintroduce Register Checks which will be done fortnightly.
- I will be writing to parents of children who's attendance drops below 96.2%
- I will be inviting parents in for meetings to discuss persistent absents and lateness.
- I will conduct home visits where no contact was made with school
- I will work with you to help improve your child's attendance
- I will refer families to Education Welfare for poor attendance and punctuality if improvements are not made.

Parent fines can be prevented by getting your children into school everyday on time and by not taking your children on holiday during term time. The money generated from these fines is collected by the Local Authority and is used by them. The school receive no monies by referring pupils to Education Welfare!!

Term time leave: If you take your child out of school for any reason, you may receive a fine of £60 per child per parent if paid within 21 days. If this fine was not paid within the time limit, the penalty would rise to £120 and need to be paid within 28 days. The government monitors school attendance and punctuality. They look at persistent absence and lateness. If your child has attendance of 90% or less they are deemed persistent absentees and we are asked to follow this up and refer to the local authority who could take you to court. At court, the penalty is either a very large fine of up to £2,500 or imprisonment. Please avoid keeping your child off school unless they are very sick and certainly do not take them out of school when the school is open, Please wait until the holidays.

COVID-19 –

You may be able to leave self-isolation after 5 full days if you have 2 negative Lateral Flow tests on day 5 and 6. For example, if an individual is positive on day 5, then a negative test is required on both day 6 and day 7 to release from self-isolation, or positive on day 6, then a negative test is required on days 7 and 8, and so on until the end of day 10. If your child has a positive Lateral Flow Test please can you send a screen shot of the results with their initials written on the test and send this via email to the school admin mailbox. This will ensure the absence is authorised.



Attendance

CLASS PERCENTAGES

(Year to date)

Whole School 95.1%

- Eagles 96.1%
- Kingfishers 93.6%
- Finches 95.4%
- Puffins 94.9%
- Wrens 95.6%
- Robins 95.3%
- Doves 94.8%
- Ducklings 90.9%

WINNING CLASS – Starlings 97%

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



Attendance Matters

Please continue to ensure your child is in school everyday and on time, by working together the children can have the very best start in life.

Miss Wilson



We value **your voice** and would like you to join us on our journey of improvement.