



# Attendance Newsletter

*Welcome to our February attendance newsletter*

At Cloudside Academy we value children's attendance, as children with low attendance make less progress at school. Children need to be in school to learn. Almost all of our lessons build on previous learning and if a child is missing sessions they are going to struggle when they return. Missing sessions makes it much harder for children to gain all the benefit from their time at school. All children are entitled to access education by law.

The School start time is **8.30am**, late marks are not permitted! Did you know children can arrive at school at **8.15am** and get a free bagel before starting their day? If you arrive after 8.30am your child will get a late mark. Any lateness after 8.50am will be unauthorised.

### Absences reporting procedures

- If your child is absent from school for any reason you must telephone school by **9am** on the first day of the absence and **all subsequent days**.
- If we do not receive a call or a message, we will text you, if we do not receive a response we will try to call all of the contact telephone numbers on the child's file and failure to get in touch with you will result in a home visit from Miss Wilson
- If contact is not made to notify school of a reason this will result in the absence being unauthorised.
- Where we have concerns over excessive absence patterns through illness we will need to discuss this with parents in order to gain a better understanding of the problems and to offer support.
- Do not let your child stay home unless he/she is too sick to attend school. We do not consider a cold, cough or headache to be an illness that prevents your child attending school. If they are complaining of this kind of illness please bring them to school and if they deteriorate we will call you to collect them. We can administer medication for children who may require it.
- Keep in mind if you send your child to school when they are unwell and we think they are too sick to be in school the absence is **authorised**.
- All pupils with less than 97% attendance will be monitored closely by school. Letters will be sent to parents/carers, informing them of Attendance Monitoring and the fact that attendance has dropped below 97%.

### SATS

Please note SATS for the Year 6 pupils are week commencing **16<sup>th</sup> May** for 5 days. Children **MUST** be in school all week!

[www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

**MOMENTS  
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COUNTS.**



EXCEPTIONAL LEAVE AND FAMILY HOLIDAYS – You can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not taking holidays or exceptional leave during term time. Any child or young person who is absent from school due to a holiday or exceptional leave will miss out on important learning and will fall behind with their school work. In each Academic Year there are only a maximum of 190 statutory school days – this allows plenty of time for holidays to be arranged outside term time. Any leave taken during term time will be categorised as unauthorised. Avoid taking any leave during the school term.



### CLASS PERCENTAGES this academic year so far

Eagles	95.5%
Kingfishers	94.9%
Finches	95.9%
Puffins	95.7%
Wrens	95.4%
Robins	95.0%
Doves	96.4%
Starlings	95.2%

**Whole School 95.5%**



There are termly prizes for all children who achieve 100% attendance each term. Prizes are also given to the children who have improved their attendance and punctuality.

Children who achieve 100% over the full academic year will be rewarded with prizes. Between 98-99% attendance the children will receive a special reward in school. Please help your child to be in the running of receiving a prize.



## Our School Attendance Target is 97%



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HM Government  
Head to the NHS website to find out more.

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