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ABSENCE MATTERS, YOU CAN HELP!

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

We hope that you had a good summer break and that the children are refreshed and ready to embark on a new year of learning and making some happy memories.

Thank you for your continued support in improving attendance. We are here to help but still need your support too.

Where are we at?

- Before Covid our attendance was 96%
- After Covid it was 92.8%
- Last academic year it was 95%

WE WILL continue to listen, advise, signpost and refer families to other agencies when support is needed. Our Facebook page is regularly updated with support in the local area.

WE WILL also continue to monitor the attendance of all pupils that falls below 93% (regardless of reason) or who have an irregular pattern of attendance. This will be done by either a text, phone call, letter, home visit or a meeting in school.

Why is attendance important?

- Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing and wider development
- If a pupil takes 1 day off a month, that's 2 ½ weeks off in a school a year. If this pattern continued for 4 years (over a key stage) this would be the equivalent of nearly a whole term. That is a considerable loss of learning time.
- DFE data from 2019 shows 84% of KS2 pupils who had 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared to 40% of pupils who were persistently absent

If there are any particular issues or concerns that arise during the school year that may affect your child's school attendance, then please contact school to discuss.

The support of parents is necessary and we thank you for your understanding, co-operation and support with school attendance. It is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Eaglefield - Head of School

Please turn over for further information regarding attendance that you may find useful

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What is good attendance?

Attendance over 96% is good attendance and any pupil below 90% is considered to be persistently absent

What if my child is ill?

- We recognise that children do fall ill from time to time and parents know their children best and are best placed to decide if their child needs time off from school.
- If your child is too poorly to attend school, then they should stay at home until they have recovered. **Please notify school on the first day of absence if we have no reason for the absence it will be recorded as unauthorised.** Continued absence without a reason will trigger a safe and well check to be carried out
- If we see signs that your child is unwell or they worsen throughout the day, staff will call to send them home.
- We are able to give your child prescribed medication in school. Please ask at the office.
- We do not routinely ask for medical evidence on return but we will do if a child has an attendance less than 90% or a medical appointment. This could be a prescription, appointment card or text
- GP access may be considered with parental consent to ensure that we are supporting a medical condition if it is a barrier to learning with poor attendance – what more could we do to help?

Attendance Ladder



Leave of absence

For any leave of absence, a request must be made in writing to the head teacher (ask at the school office).

These should be completed at least two weeks before the leave of absence.

We urge you to avoid family holidays in term time as leave of absence can only be granted in very exceptional circumstances. All unauthorised leave of absence is passed onto the Education Welfare Service which is likely to incur a Fixed Penalty notice.