



Attendance Matters Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the first issue of the Attendance Matters Newsletter. 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/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 - We hope you will find this helpful and informative.

Whole School Attendance

September—October

Whole School: 92.5%

Year 3H: 94.9%

Year 2M: 93.4%

Year 2K: 90.3%

Year 1A: 95%

Year 1B: 94.3%

ReceptionJ: 95.2%

ReceptionP: 90.7%

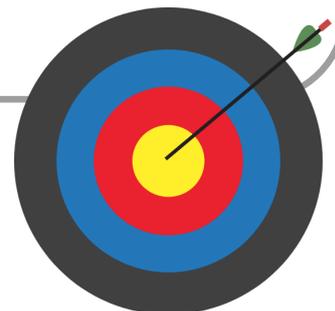
Nursery: 82%

Attendance Target

We are delighted that attendance this year has improved. Our target is 96% and we are still a long way off reaching it. The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and judgements on how well a school is doing is partially based on whole school attendance. The national average is 96.7%. We need your help to improve attendance for our school. You can help by coming to school every day and on time.

Reporting Absence

It is a parent/carer's responsibility to notify school by 9am if their child is absent. A reason must be provided



100% Attendance Bears



Attendance Bears

Can you collect them all?

This academic year we have purchased some very special attendance bears as a special treat for our pupils who have 100% each term. We have 3 bears to collect:

- Autumn Bear
- Spring Lion
- Summer Monkey



Movie Day Attendance Treat

Congratulations!!

A big congratulations to all the pupils who had 95% or better attendance for the last half term. As a special reward they will be participating in a disco with drinks and snacks today! We are busy planning next half terms treat for our amazing attendance stars. Please ensure you child is able to attend the disco by making sure they have 95% or better attendance for the next half term.

You are Attendance Superstars!

Spotlight on Punctuality

Punctuality It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day. Did you know? 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours lost learning each year!!

Routines The easiest way to ensure your child attends school on time every day is to establish a **GOOD EVENING AND MORNING ROUTINE**. If mornings are hectic in your household, prepare as much as possible the night before. The school day starts at 8.50am. The pupil entrance gates close at 9.00am to parents bringing their child to school. Please ensure your child is in school before the registers close. If your child arrives after this time, then you **MUST** take your child to the Main Office to sign them in late. These late procedures are in place so that every child is entered onto the register correctly and can be accounted for in the event of an emergency. This is to ensure the Health and safety of **YOUR** child, so please make sure that these procedures are followed at all times.

Tips to help you get to school on time everyday. □

Make sure your child understands why school is important □ Show your child that you are interested in what they have done at school □ Get everything ready the night before school □ Arrange appointments before or after school or during the schools holidays □ Set your alarm and your child's alarm clock, see who can beat the clock! □ Join breakfast club □ Catch an earlier bus or set off a little bit earlier if you walk

