

Headteacher Update - Attendance Special

Please read this important information regarding school attendance. We know that this can be an emotive subject, but the Department for Education and the local authority have strict guidance for attendance and are clear about the impact of lost learning. We know that all children have some illness, but it is important we ensure children attend school as much as possible, particularly following the impact of the pandemic on social and emotional skills and academic learning for our young children, who may have missed out on nursery time, family time and usual interactions when they were younger, beginning life in a pandemic.

Every School Day Counts

Our school is continuing to focus on attendance and punctuality and we are writing to remind you that we expect children's attendance to be at 95% - this is in line with government and Warwickshire County Council expectations too.

We currently have a number of children who are well below this attendance percentage and in some cases, it's impacting on their learning.

The table below shows the impact of absence on a child's time in school. We understand that children do get poorly and occasionally will need time off to recover. Teachers will send children home if they are not well enough to be in school, as we do not want illnesses spreading around a class.

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

It's good to be green!!

Every Minute Counts LATENESS=LOST LEARNING <i>(Figures are calculated over a school year)</i>		Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost	
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost	
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost	
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost	
25 minutes late each day	19 days lost	

THANK YOU SO MUCH to those families who have been working so hard to ensure children's punctuality and attendance is high or are working to improve their child's attendance. THANK YOU for getting these important habits established early on in your child's life as it will make a difference to their futures.

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