

ATTENDANCE

School Improvement Target 2023

Termly Newsletter March 2023

SUPPORT

A big **'thank you'** to all of the families who are working with us to improve our attendance.

This academic year so far, our Whole School Attendance figure is 92.37%

We believe that working together with parents/carers is the best way to result in positive attendance outcomes for our children.

We have lots of high-profile rewards and systems in school to promote good attendance and punctuality with the children.

We know that there may be times, when your child's attendance declines. Remember, school is here to work in partnership with you to help make things better.

Here to help are:

Mr Smart

Mr Hind

Mrs Robinson

Our Attendance Team is always happy to work with both children and families to improve attendance and punctuality.

Come and talk to us if you are having problems. Appointments can be made at the office or you can speak to the team on the morning gate.

Attendance Monitoring

As attendance and punctuality is so important to us, we cannot be complacent where there is low pupil attendance, or if pupils are regularly late to school.

The Government's expectation is that all children should have an attendance figure of 96%.

We are committed to working with you to achieve this.

In line with the Local Authority guidelines, attendance is monitored half-termly and letters are sent to all parents where attendance is below 90%.

We invite all of our families to meetings to see if we can support you with your child's attendance, as soon as it goes **below 90%**.

These meetings are informal and a chance to see what more the school can do to help you. Together, we want to offer help and support. We can do the meetings over the phone if you think this would help.

Attendance is Important

Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance.

*Children with regular attendance make better progress, both socially and academically.

*Children with regular attendance find school routines and school work easier to cope with.

*Children with regular attendance have an easier transfer to secondary school, having developed positive habits in attending school every day.

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AUTHORISED OR UNAUTHORISED? ★

Types of Absence

Every half-day absence from school, by law, has to be classified as either authorised or unauthorised. This is why information about the cause of absence is always asked for.

Unauthorised absences may include:

- being absent for a holiday in term time
- minding the house
- looking after siblings or parents
- going shopping
- celebrating a birthday
- over sleeping
- arriving late

Authorised absence may include

- illness
- medical appointments
- days of religious observance
- leave granted in exceptional circumstances.

Only the headteacher can authorise a child's absence from school.

Spectacular Golden Party

We believe outstanding attendance should be rewarded and so we are giving our children the opportunity to win a **Spectacular Golden Party** with Mrs Robinson, every half term.

Each half term children with **98% or above** attendance will come to the **golden party**.

Each half term the attendance will reset and any child who did not get above 98% attendance will have another chance to come to the **Spectacular Golden Party**.

EASTER EGG-CELLENT RAFFLE

Building on from the success of the Advent Raffle, we will be holding the **Easter EGG-cellent Raffle**.

All children who are in school, on time and in uniform from **20th March-31st March** will be given a daily raffle ticket and entered into the prize draw.

Children can win **Easter Eggs** and have a chance to win a **£25 Asda Voucher**.