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THE AVENUE INFANT SCHOOL



An Attendance Guide for Parents, Carers and Children

October 2023

Why does good attendance and punctuality matter?

With good attendance and punctuality children will:

- ◆ Maintain a good standard of work
- ◆ Understand the lessons
- ◆ Achieve more highly
- ◆ Have secure friendships
- ◆ Feel more confident with their learning

Work is carefully sequenced and built on each day so even one day missed can mean your child may have more difficulty learning that content which can lead to a decline in confidence.

Friendships can be impacted— a missed day or two here or there can mean friendships become more transitory and less secure which can also impact well-being.

We know some illness is unavoidable but please ensure you child has the minimal amount of time off school. Consider, do they really need to miss a day?

Does being late really matter?

Yes.....it really does:

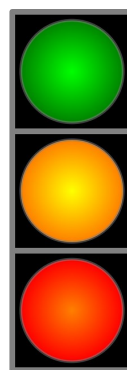
Our days always start with phonics lessons. If your child is even just 5 minutes late to school they will have missed the new sound their group is learning. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will have missed vital knowledge and may find it hard to pick it up. If they are 10mins late they will have missed their sounds practice for the day.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD ARRIVES BEFORE 9.00am

Do you sometimes struggle to get your child to school? Do they complain of feeling unwell often but you are unsure if they are? If so,

Please come and speak to Mrs Fowle, Family Support Worker, who can offer some practical advice and support.

How good is your child's attendance?



100—96% Green

90—96% Amber

Below 90% Red (classed as a persistent absence)

EVERY CHILD'S ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED TO BE ABOVE 96%

For example, 1 days absence a week in a seven week term would mean an attendance rate of 86%.

90% attendance in a year means over 70 lessons have been missed Absent from school means absent from learning

If your child does have to be absent, please remember to call the school to inform us by 9.30am at the very latest.

If we have not heard from parents / carers by 9.30am with a reason for absence, we will ring all the contacts we have on file until contact is made.

Remember, school attendance is a legal requirement. Poor attendance or punctuality may result in a referral to Education Inclusion and could potentially result in a fine, or even prosecution. Lets avoid these lengths and work together to ensure every child has the best attendance possible.