



"My soul glorifies the Lord" Luke 1:46

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Attendance

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Importance of Attendance and Punctuality

At our school, we are committed to providing every child with the very best opportunities to learn, grow and succeed. One of the most important factors in achieving this is ensuring that children attend school regularly and arrive on time each day.

We completely understand that children will sometimes be unwell and need time to recover at home. When this happens, their health and wellbeing must always come first. However, we would encourage parents and carers to send their children to school whenever they are well enough to attend, as even occasional absences can have a significant impact on learning and development.

We want all of our children to take pride in their attendance and punctuality. Coming to school every day and arriving on time helps children develop positive habits, a sense of responsibility and a strong commitment to their learning.

Why Attendance Matters

Every school day is important. Children who attend regularly are more likely to:

- Make good academic progress.
- Feel confident in their learning.
- Develop positive friendships and social skills.
- Feel settled, secure and part of the school community.
- Build resilience and positive routines that will benefit them throughout their lives.

Missing school can mean missing important learning, discussions, experiences and opportunities that cannot always be easily repeated.

The Impact of Being Late

Arriving late can be disruptive for both the child and the class. Children who arrive after the start of the school day may:

- Miss important instructions and learning opportunities.
- Can feel unsettled joining activities already in progress.
- Struggle to catch up with the rest of the class.
- Develop habits that can affect future attendance and punctuality.

A positive start to the day makes a real difference, and we encourage all families to establish routines that support children arriving in school on time.

Holidays During Term Time

We actively discourage taking holidays during term time. Family holidays and special occasions are important, but taking children out of school during term time can result in missed learning and make it more difficult for them to keep up with their peers.

We ask families to make every effort to arrange holidays during school holiday periods wherever possible.

We Are Here to Help

We recognise that every family faces challenges from time to time. If there are circumstances that are affecting your child's attendance or punctuality, please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible. We are always happy to listen, offer support and work together to find solutions.

By working in partnership, we can ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive, achieve and enjoy their time at school.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's education.

Yours sincerely,



Amy Butterfield