

## Attendance information for Early Years Parents & Carers

September 2023

The academic year is 190 days, children are expected to be in every day!



If your child is unwell you must report them absent; the school office is open from 8am.

- Ring school before 9am 0151 260 8957
- Send a message via the school app
- Text Mrs Finnigan **07570 953767**
- Phone Mrs Finnigan

What will happen if you don't report your child absent?

- You will receive a message on ParentApp
- You will receive a text from Mrs Finnigan
- You will receive a call from Mrs Partington.
- We will phone other contact numbers.
- Mrs Finnigan and Mrs Partington will visit your home.
- We may ask police to do a welfare check.

What is classed as acceptable attendance?

# 97%

This means your child can only be absent from school for 6 days per year (that's only 1 day every half term)

What happens if my child doesn't attend regularly?

If your child's attendance drops you will be invited into school to meet with Mrs Finnigan and Mrs Partington. This is a supportive meeting and is designed to establish if the school can help in any way. If attendance doesn't improve then fixed penalty warning letters are issued which may lead to a fine. The school Educational Welfare Officer will then become involved.

Why is excellent attendance and punctuality so important?



Children make friends and play with those children who they can rely on, children who are consistent and predictable. If your child doesn't attend school regularly they are in danger of missing out on making vital social connections with other children.



Learning begins at 8.50am and the core subjects (English and Maths) are taught in the morning with phonics starting at 9am. Each lesson is like a brick in a building, if bricks are missing the structure is weakened. The early years is known as Foundation Stage, this is because all of the crucial skills (bricks) of early reading, writing and maths are taught and developed here. In order for children to have a solid foundation to build on they MUST be in every day.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance please contact Mrs Partington or Mrs Finnigan.