

FISHBURN PRIMARY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

2022 - 2023

WHY IS SCHOOL IMPORTANT?

Coming to school helps your child learn and gives them a better future. There are many different reasons why school is important.

School helps your child to improve their literacy and numeracy. School teaches your child about history, art and geography.

It helps your child to find things out, shows them what they are good at and how to improve. It builds their learning power and teaches them to succeed.

At Fishburn we are constantly striving to get better in our attendance. To do so we need the help of our children, parents and carers.

TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR CHILDS ATTENDANCE:

Make sure your child understands why school is important.

Show your child that you are interested in what they have done at school.

Get everything ready the night before school.

Arrange appointments before or after school or during the school holidays.

Set your alarm and your child's alarm clocks, see who can beat the clock!



Achieving good attendance requires the school and home to work closely together. Therefore, we ask parents / carers to:

- Ensure your child arrives in school on time.
- If your child arrives after the doors close, please report to the school office.
- If your child is ill, please notify the school office before 9.00 am.

WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE, WHAT IS NOT?

Authorised Absences

We can not legally authorise any leave of absence unless there are exceptional circumstances. These are:

- A child is ill or is receiving medical attention.
- Day of religious observance, notified in advance (the day must be exclusively set apart for religious observance by the religious body to which the parents / carers belong).
- Absence due to exceptional circumstances (eg. a bereavement, serious illness).

Unauthorised Absences

- No telephone call / email or acceptable explanation is provided by the parent / carer.
- The reason for the absence does not fall into one of the categories of authorised absences above.
- Arriving in school after 9.20 am.

Sometimes your child can feel mildly under the weather but they are actually well enough to attend school. If this is the case and your child deteriorates throughout the day, then you will be contacted immediately. Remember, only keep your child at home if it is necessary.

HOLIDAYS

Family holidays will not be authorised during term time. Legislation does not give any entitlement to parents / carers to take their child on holiday during term time. If you do take your child on holiday during term time this may result in a penalty notice fine. Penalty notice fines for holidays in term time are £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days and £120 if paid between 22 and 28 days

ATTENDANCE

We monitor attendance figures on a weekly basis, when your child's attendance drops below 90 % this is identified as a persistently absent child. If your child does fall under the category of persistently absent we may ask you to come in to see us so we can discuss ways in which we can support you to improve your child attendance.

PUNCTUALITY

Regular attendance means punctual attendance.

Just being a few minutes late can leave children feeling anxious and unsettled for the first half of their school day which can be detrimental to their learning. We monitor persistent latecomers and if your child has been late for 5 sessions or more we will send a letter home to bring it to your attention. If your child continues to come to school late you may be asked to a meeting in school.

ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS DAYS ABSENT	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH MEANS THE NUMBER OF LESSONS MISSED
95 %	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 lessons
90 %	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 lessons
85 %	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 lessons
80 %	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 lessons
75 %	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 lessons
70 %	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 lessons
65 %	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

