

FISHBURN PRIMARY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

2022 - 2023 (January 2023)

Attendance: September 2022 to December 2022 - 90.47 %

We would like to say a big thank you to all our parents / carers who are supporting us in an attempt to improve our whole-school attendance. We currently have **13** children who have not missed a day off school since September 2022.

During Autumn Term 1 we had **51** children with 100 % attendance.

During Autumn Term 2 we had **20** children with 100 % attendance.

Let see if we can start to increase the numbers of children achieving a 100 % attendance in any half term period.

All children who manage to achieve 100 % attendance in any half term are presented with an attendance certificate.

We also have in school an attendance leader board, so children can visually check it to see how their class is doing compared to our other classes in school.

**ATTEND TODAY,
ACHIEVE TOMORROW**



Class	Overall Attendance percentage to end of December 2022	Per-
The Little Explorers	73.4 %	
The Explorers	85.7 %	
The Discoverers	87.4 %	
The Adventurers	90.9 %	
The Pioneers	92.8 %	
The Pathfinders	91.2 %	
The Trailblazers	94.9 %	



Expected attendance:

At Fishburn Primary we expect all children to attend school every day. Children should only miss school if they are too ill to attend. Mild symptoms, such as a runny nose or stomach discomfort should not prevent your child from attending school.

Persistent absence (PA):

Over the past year you may have heard the term persistent absence (PA) a lot more. PA refers to children who have missed more than 10% of their school sessions. In a year there are 190 teaching days.

If a child misses 19 days or more they will fall into the PA bracket. Children who are persistently absent, for whatever reason, are monitored to ensure their attendance improves.

Good attendance is important because:

- * statistics show that children with good attendance have higher attainment in school.
- * children with attendance above 96% make better progress socially and academically.
- * children who attend regularly find their learning more satisfying and have fewer gaps in their knowledge.

Parents:

- * must ensure their child arrives at school on time for registration.
- * should contact the school daily to report any absences, giving a reason and explaining when their child will return.
- * where possible should not book routine medical or dental appointments during school time as medical appointments are counted as an absence on a child's record.
- * ensure their child comes to school on time everyday.

Absence procedures:

- * Parents / carers must provide a reason for a child's absence, each day they are absent.
- * This may be in the form of a phone call or an email or an oral explanation to the school office
- * The only acceptable reason for absences are illness, attendance at a medical appointment, religious holiday or family bereavement, for which the Head Teacher has given permission.
- * Absences to go shopping, visit relatives, go away on a holiday or because a parent is unwell are not acceptable.

Leave of absence during term time:

The school is not permitted to grant any leave of absence during school time unless there are really exceptional circumstances. Holidays are not regarded as exceptional circumstances. All requests for leave must be made in writing in advance by the parent to the Headteacher. Parents must complete the schools Leave of Absence form, both departure and return dates should be clearly stated.

Don't forget if your child is not going to be in school to let school know before 9am by either telephone or email the school office—fishburn@durhamlearning.net if we do not hear from you this will be considered a safeguarding concern.

Please remember holidays should not be taken during term time. A whole year has 365 days. A school year only has 190 days. Every day counts!

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?

