

FISHBURN PRIMARY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

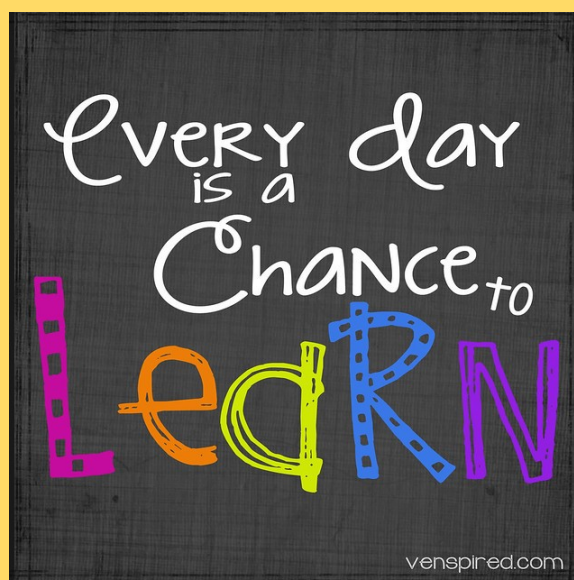
2022 - 2023 (April 2023)

Dear Parent / Carer

Our whole school attendance target is 96 %.

Attendance between 5th September—31st March is 92.19 %.

REGISTRATION GROUP	OVERALL ATTENDANCE
The Little Explorers	75.3 %
The Explorers	88.7 %
The Discoverers	89.3 %
The Adventurers	91.5 %
The Pioneers	93.2 %
The Pathfinders	92.5 %
The Trailblazers	95.2 %



100 % Attendance

We had 32 children who achieved 100 % attendance last term. To date we currently have 4 children who have had 100 % attendance since September 2022. Thank you parents / carers for working hard to send your children to school everyday.

Leave of Absence

The school is not permitted to grant any leave of absence during school time, unless it is for really exceptional circumstances. Holidays are not regarded as exceptional circumstances. In most cases these absences will lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by Durham County Council.

Tips of the Week

What can you do to help make your child successful all day, every day?

Help your child get organised the night before—put out their water bottle and their school uniform.

Set an alarm to help all the family wake up early. This will allow time for your child to get dressed, have breakfast, brush their teeth and leave home on time.

Expected Attendance:

At Fishburn Primary School we expect all children to attend school every day. They 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. If we are concerned about a child's attendance, we may deem it necessary to visit your house to discuss how we can better support you and your child.

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN): If your child's attendance drops below a certain level you may incur a fixed penalty notice.

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.

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Ways in which I can improve my child's attendance and punctuality

- Schedule all non-urgent medical appointments (ie GP, dental, optical) out of school hours and during school holidays.
- Set a consistent, regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Prepare clothes and pack school bags the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless they are too unwell to attend school. If you are unsure of the recommended period for children to be kept away from school for an illness, please call the school office on 01740 620162.
- If your child seems anxious about attending school, talk to their class teacher.
- Develop 'back-up plans' for getting to school in case of an emergency in the morning. Call on a family member, a neighbour or another parent / carer.

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the school we are here to support and help you.