



Dear parents,

You will be aware that we track the attendance of all our pupils closely and we pride ourselves on ensuring our families are clear about the importance of good attendance for academic achievement, friendships and confidence in learning.

It has come to our attention that the attendance of some of our Foundation Stage children is way below expectations. We understand that this time of year, children often get coughs and colds and we would not expect you to send your child to school if they are unwell, however we are finding that attendance is poor for other reasons. Some parents are also failing to contact school to inform us of the reason for absence.

Whilst your child is not of statutory school age until the term after their fifth birthday, we believe that good attendance for school is vital for their continued development. Days missed means that they can miss out on aspects of their learning which can put them behind their peers.

We are asking for your help to improve attendance in the following ways;

- Do not book holidays for term time
- Bring them to school on a morning they have a medical appointment then they can get their mark before they go.
- Bring your child back to school after a medical appointment for the afternoon session where this is applicable
- If your child is ill, bring him/her back to school as soon as possible, some parents wait until the following week
- Ask to speak to Mrs Fox, our First Aid Lead for advice if necessary, for some illnesses children can come in to school once treatment has started.

If you have any difficulties getting your child to school for the sessions you are booked into, please speak to your child's teacher.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

Mrs Patterson
Executive Principal