

Southcoates Primary Academy



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Attendance: Belonging, Learning and Thriving Together

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support with your child's attendance. We recognise that ensuring children attend school regularly is not always straightforward, and we genuinely appreciate the efforts families make to help children arrive at school on time each day.

At Southcoates, we believe attendance is about much more than simply being present. It is about belonging, relationships, wellbeing and learning, and ensuring that every child has the opportunity to flourish. Regular attendance provides children with stability and routine, supports their learning and helps them develop confidence, resilience and strong friendships.

We are committed to creating a positive and inclusive attendance culture based on strong relationships between school, families and children. We understand that every family is unique and that attendance can sometimes be affected by circumstances beyond a family's control. If difficulties arise, we will listen carefully, seek to understand any barriers and work alongside you to identify appropriate support and practical solutions.

We want every child to feel encouraged and able to succeed. Children who achieve attendance above 96% by the end of the academic year will be entered into our attendance prize draw. Previous prizes have included bicycles, iPads and toy-shop vouchers. Your child's current attendance can be viewed through the My Child At School app. Please speak to a member of the school office team if you require help accessing or activating your account.

Attendance below 90% is defined nationally as persistent absence. We will monitor attendance carefully, but our first priority will always be to work constructively with families, understand individual circumstances and offer support wherever possible.

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please contact the school office to let us know. Wherever possible, we ask families to arrange routine appointments outside school hours. If an appointment must take place during the school day, please bring your child into school before and, where appropriate, after the appointment so that they miss as little learning as possible.

Thank you for being an important part of our school community and for working in partnership with us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mr T. A. Libera'.

Mr T. A. Libera
Principal

