



Field Place INFANT SCHOOL

AUTUMN ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER 2023

Firstly, and most importantly, a HUGE well done and thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring your child has gotten off to a great start this school year. All nursery and reception children have now settled; which is great to see. As I am sure you will understand, great attendance is vital for great school outcomes. As a school we track attendance carefully and our aim is to have an attendance figure inline with the national expectation of **96%**. Our attendance figure for the year to date is **95.3%**, National attendance is currently **95%** - **We are therefore slightly ahead of National! That is a fantastic start to the school year.** As you will know from media coverage attendance is currently a major Govt focus.

Your child only has to have **7 days** off in a school year for their individual attendance to be viewed as below average - (i.e. below 96%). We monitor attendance closely and will contact you if your child's attendance is of concern. This will be to offer you help and support, working together is key.

The Legal Expectations

School attendance is important and the law requires it. As a parent, you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a full time education. This means registering your child at school and making sure they attend regularly and on time.

What YOU can do to help?

We understand that children do get ill and sometimes they need to be absent from school as a result. Please do the following if your child is too unwell to attend school:

- Please inform us by phoning the school on 01903 700234 before 9:15 am. You will need to explain the reason for your child's absence and when they are likely to return.
- Please do not email your child's teacher about daily absence.
- If you have not phoned us we will try to phone you.

Remember to keep your child's absences from school to a minimum - only keep children off if they are too unwell to come in.

Talk to your child's teacher if your child is not wanting to come to school.

We need to work together to ensure we can support your child to attend school and to enjoy being at school.

Did you know?
Research has shown that children with poor attendance tend to achieve less well in both primary and secondary school.

We always aim to work with families so we can ensure every child is able to reach their full potential. For our children, this starts with great attendance at Field Place Infant School!

I look forward to updating you on our progress towards **96%** attendance across this school year.

Building Bright Futures Together

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