

## Attendance & Progress

“The children who are most happy and successful in school are those with the best attendance.”

Academy attendance lead: Karin Nicholls

Absence line phone no: 01754 872323

Who can help: Karin Nicholls

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYoI\\_afRzss](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYoI_afRzss) (courtesy of Sheffield City Council)

(This video actually needs to play on the web page when clicked rather than just being a link)

We would like to thank our parents for their commitment to their child's attendance. The vast majority of parents ensure that their child attends regularly and on time, meeting our academy expectation of at least 97% attendance over the year. Fortunately we have very few parents who do not support their child in this.



We love to see the happy faces of the children as they get to school on time to play with their friends before sitting down together, ready to learn. Children who do not get to school on time or miss some days of school altogether find it more difficult to make friends and to catch up on their learning. Please remember that our school day starts promptly at 9.00am and children who are late miss the beginning of their reading session, an important skill for them to learn.

### If your child is ill

We know that sometimes your child may be unable to attend because they feel unwell. In this case please contact the office on 01754 872323 and leave a message telling us the child's name the nature of the illness and who is making the phone call, preferably before 8.30 am each day. Some parents think that their child may be better off at home if they are ill, but generally we are happy to have them in school and will keep a close eye on them to make sure that they are ok, if you ask us to. We have also produced a

helpful leaflet to help you to decide whether your child is well enough to come to school which can be downloaded here ([hyperlink to PDF of leaflet](#)). We use NHS guidance to advise and you can access this yourself by clicking here ([hyperlink to https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/))

If we do not hear from you first thing in the morning and your child is not in school, then we will try and make contact with you as quickly as possible to ensure that your child is safe. This could be by text, telephone or home visit. Please rest assured that we always pursue this until we are satisfied so you know that your child's welfare is important to us.

### Other Reasons for Absence

The vast majority of our parents recognise that their children are most happy and successful in school when they attend regularly. For that reason they do not ask for holidays during term time, because they know how damaging this can be for their child's education. In the unlikely event that you want to ask for your child's absence to be authorised due to an exceptional circumstance, then please ask to speak with the principal so that you can set out the special circumstances of your request.

If there is any other reason why you or your child is finding it difficult to attend school regularly and on time, then please do contact Mrs Nicholls who can help. She has already helped many other parents and children in this way. Seeking early help, no matter the issue, can help you to avoid any fines for non-attendance which can be very costly and embarrassing.

### Rewarding Great Attendance

We love recognising good attendance and punctuality and so do our children! Every half term the children with 100% attendance are entered into the BIG PRIZE DRAW which is drawn at the end of year with the four children drawn receiving a £50 voucher. This year every term we will be rewarding all children who have had 100% attendance for the full term with a mini prize to celebrate their perfect attendance!