



Long Row Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

At Long Row Primary School and Nursery school, we have excellent attendance throughout the school. We work closely with children and parents to ensure high standards of attendance so that each child can achieve their full potential.

Great school attendance has a positive impact on children as it:

- Secures academic progress and attainment.
- Builds secure friendships.
- Provides opportunities to develop their interests and passions.
- Develops resilience and a growth mindset for learning and life skills.
- Grows self-esteem and confidence.

Once your child is registered at school, you are legally responsible for making sure that they attend regularly. By law, all children of compulsory school age (five to sixteen) must receive a full-time education.

We monitor the attendance of every child in the school and work in partnership with wider agencies to monitor the attendance of those children who are absent from school.

Any child who has an attendance under 90% is considered a 'persistent absentee' by the Local Education Authority and this could result in legal action being taken. Although attendance of 90% may sound acceptable, it means that a child misses:

- one half day each week
- nearly four weeks every school year
- over one school year in a school career

Our school's target for all children is 97%

In addition, can we please remind you that holidays must not be taken during term time. Government legislation prevents schools from granting leave of absence unless there are 'exceptional circumstances'. Holidays are not exceptional. You may be issued with a penalty notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. For any further information, please refer to a copy of our school policy statement which can be found on the school website. [Microsoft Word - policy-statement-re-unauthorised-leave-of-absence-in-term-time.sept-2024](#)

Please remember school gate opens at 8.45 and closes at 8.55am, any children arriving after this time will receive a late mark on the register.

Please could you contact school, on each day of absence before 9am, to let us know that your child is ill. Our school number is 01773 823319.

If you require any support / advice or have any questions regarding your child's attendance or punctuality, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs White or Mrs Davies.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L White
Headteacher

Mrs P Davies
Attendance / Pastoral / Learning Mentor

