

ATTENDANCE

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Attendance Matters



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS AND CARERS FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT WITH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR.

Our aim is for every child to be in school learning with their friends every day, on time.

Our school attendance is currently **95.30%** and we continue to work together in partnership to reach our goal of +97%.

At Lakeside we know the importance that regular attendance has on your child's learning and well-being; and that having good attendance is directly linked to raising achievement and develops skills for life and work. Regular attendance enables pupils to adapt better to routines, schoolwork, and friendship groups. Therefore we kindly ask that parents/carers support the school by ensuring that your child attends school every day and arrives ready to learn and on time.

Even having a short amount of time off can be disruptive; your child might fall behind in their work and they miss out on social connections with their peers.

We know that in the run up to Christmas there have been coughs, colds and sickness bugs and hopefully we are all starting to feel better. If your child is unwell then they need to rest however if they can be in school then they should.

If you find it difficult please see one of the attendance team. We are here to support and offer help: Miss Bamford, Mrs Tunstall and Mrs Hayes-Smith.

BY LAW, ALL CHILDREN OF COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE MUST RECEIVE A SUITABLE FULL-TIME EDUCATION. YOU AS THE PARENT OR CARER, ARE LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING SURE YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION (DFE) PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS AS TO WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE AND WHAT IS NOT WITH REGARDS TO ABSENCE.

EXAMPLES OF REASONS THAT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED: * A BIRTHDAY * A SHOPPING TRIP/DAY TRIPS * BROTHER OR SISTER IS ILL SO ALL CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY STAY OFF SCHOOL * NOT HAVING UNIFORM READY TO WEAR OR CAN'T FIND SHOES/COAT ETC

*** A HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME YOU MAY BE FINED OR PROSECUTED IN COURT.**

**THE
LAW**

PERSISTENT ABSENCE IS DEFINED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS ATTENDANCE BELOW 90%. IF A CHILD'S ATTENDANCE DROPS BELOW 90% THIS COULD LEAD TO THEM BECOMING A SAFEGUARDING CONCERN AND ALSO RESULT IN THE AUTHORITY TAKING LEGAL ACTION. IF YOUR CHILD IS BELOW 90% YOU WILL BE INVITED TO AN ATTENDANCE SUPPORT MEETING. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ATTEND THE MEETING. TOGETHER WE CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT, AND HELP YOU TO IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S ATTENDANCE.

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JANUARY 2024



ARE YOU A HERO?

Here
Everyday
Ready
On Time

05.02.2024 – 09.02.2024

Each day your child is in school they will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into our Spectacular Winter Raffle.

1st Prize Vue Cinema voucher



GOING IN, NOT MISSING OUT PUNCTUALITY

8:45AM

Punctuality is important:

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and your child's learning time.

Classroom doors open at 08.40 and close at 08:50. Late arrivals must come in through the office between 08:50 and 09:30.

Arrival after 09:30 is recorded as unauthorised. It is essential that your child is at school on time and ready to learn.

On Friday 9th February we will be looking closely at individual attendances and we really hope that everyone has improved from December.

Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

Bee On Time



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ABSENCE THROUGH ILLNESS

We understand that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home. Please see our traffic light reference guide below to support with making this decision.

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 08:30 with full details of your child's illness/symptoms.

If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school. **If there is no answer by 12.00pm we will conduct a wellbeing call to the house to ensure everyone is safe.** We have a duty of care to ensure your child's safety as well as their regular school attendance

Green - Come to school
Coughs, colds, tiredness, sore throats.

We will always phone you if their symptoms worsen

Amber - Seek advice
Headaches, stomach aches.
Children can sometimes feel unwell for a variety of reasons; call for advice.

Red - Stay at home
Sickness & Diarrhea
48hrs must have elapsed from children's last episode before returning to school



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS:

We request that, where possible, routine medical and dentist appointments are arranged outside school hours.

We do understand that some appointments, such as hospital consultations, are not always possible to arrange outside of school hours. However if your appointment time allows your child to come to school for registration and then leave, this will have a positive impact on their attendance figure. Likewise if they are able to be back in school for afternoon registration by 12:30pm (EYFS & KS1) and 13:15 (KS2) this will have a positive effect.

If your child's attendance is below 90%, medical evidence may be requested such as appointment text messages or prescriptions.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

Please be aware that absence will not be authorised during term time, except in exceptional circumstances.

As required by the Department for Education unauthorised absences may be referred to City of York for fining.

Please ensure that you have filled in a Leave of Absence form which can be collected from the office or found on the website.

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REWARDS

WHOLE CLASS REWARDS FOR CLASSES WITH WEEKLY ATTENDANCE OVER 96%



Includes, Silly hat day, extra playtime, pizza party, parachute time, dodge ball, lego session.



TERMLY CERTIFICATES FOR CHILDREN WITH 100% ATTENDANCE

WEEKLY PRIZES FOR CHILDREN WITH 100% ATTENDANCE USING SPIN THE WHEEL!

HERO RAFFLE EACH TERM WITH PRIZES SUCH AS BOWLING TRIPS, GIFT CARDS, VUE CINEMA TICKETS

BE IN IT TO WIN IT