



Wingrove Primary School Attendance Newsletter Spring 2018



Welcome to the spring edition of Wingrove's attendance newsletter. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and that you're all keen to ensure your child arrives at school on time and achieve good attendance. Now the car park gates are locked in the morning, it is important to leave home a little earlier to make sure you arrive on time. We continue to work towards our goals regarding attendance and punctuality as we believe this gives children the best education. Attendance lower than 95% can significantly impact upon your child's learning.

If you would like to speak to me regarding your child's attendance or absence, I am outside most mornings near the main school doors.

With kind regards

Mrs Prosperini
Administrative Officer

Remember the doors open at **8.45**. If you arrive after the bell goes at **8.55**, you are late. Get to school on time and be prepared for the day ahead.

Morning nursery doors open at **8.40** and afternoon at **12.25**.

**HURRY!
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Overall Punctuality

Last term, we had **317** lates, a total of over **52 hours lost learning**.

Please ensure you get your child to school on time.



Overall attendance

Children in primary school are expected to have attendance above 96%.

Our target for the whole school is set by the government and the local authority and we are expected to reach at least 96% this academic year. Last term we achieved **96%**. We need to work very hard to keep this up.

Phoning to report an absence

Please phone before 9.00 the first morning your child is absent. Leave a message on the absence line. It is important to state your child's full name, the name of their teacher and the reason for their absence.

Although we strive for good attendance for all children, we understand that everyone can be ill. If your child is too unwell to come to school, then please phone the school on the number below:



**0191 2735466 or
0191 2735842**

Illness

All children at some point are ill, which means that they cannot attend school.

If your child has sickness and diarrhoea or a high temperature then they cannot attend school. However, if your child has a minor complaint such as a runny nose, mild cough or sore throat, then they could attend school. Last term **761** days were missed due to illness.



At the end of the school day

Picking your child up on time at the end of the day is just as important as getting them to school on time.

Please remember school finishes at **3.15**. Afternoon nursery is **3.30**. If, on occasion, you may be late picking your children up, please ring the school office.



Holidays and leave of absence in term time

We continue to work with the local authority in relation to issuing fines for holidays taken in term time. This is an increasing problem, we feel our children should not miss out on their education. **Last academic year we had 113 children missing 749 days due to holidays.**

So far, last term **48** pupils have contributed to **304** days of missed learning through holidays.

Please look at the school term calendar and plan your time away to be in school holiday time.

The calendars are available to see on all outside notice boards, at the school office and on the school website for your information.



Film and popcorn afternoons

The children love to try and achieve the best attendance for their class. Every half term, the classes in EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, with the best attendance, win a film afternoon complete with popcorn. The winners last half term were:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Mrs Large's class with 97.2%

Key Stage 2: Mr Wilson's class with 98.9%.

Well done to both classes. They enjoyed a film afternoon.

We also have **Golden Time** every week for the class who have the fewest lates. The children have a selection of board games to play with their class mates.









100% Attendance Draw



All children who achieve 100% attendance in a half term, and haven't been late, will have their name in the prize draw. Salma in Mrs Reynolds' class won last half term and was awarded a collection of prizes.

Do you realise how much learning your child misses if they are late to school?

| <i>LATE EACH DAY</i> | | <i>LOST PER YEAR</i> |
|----------------------|---|----------------------|
| <i>5 minutes</i> |  | <i>3 days</i> |
| <i>10 minutes</i> |  | <i>6.5 days</i> |
| <i>15 minutes</i> |  | <i>10 days</i> |
| <i>20 minutes</i> |  | <i>13 days</i> |
| <i>25 minutes</i> |  | <i>16 days</i> |
| <i>30 minutes</i> |  | <i>19 days</i> |

