



Wingrove Primary School Attendance Newsletter Spring 2017



School Attendance Matters

Welcome to the spring edition of Wingrove's attendance newsletter. I hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for the new year ahead. I will be focusing on time keeping this half term. We have a lot of children arriving to school late. 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 half term **259** pupils were late: a total of **1996 minutes lost**.

Please ensure you get your child to school on time.



Overall attendance

Children in primary school are expected to have attendance above 95%.

Our target for the whole school is set by the government and the local authority and we are expected to reach at least 95% this academic year. Currently we are on **94.8%**. We need to work hard to improve this.

Phoning to report an absence

Please phone before 9.00 the first morning your child is absent. Leave a message on the absence line (option 1). 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. So far since September an **unacceptable 938** days have been 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 at **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 has happened recently to some of our families. However, the amount of leave of absence has decreased, which has contributed to the rise in attendance we have seen recently. This is good news, but we haven't achieved our goal of eliminating holidays during term time.

Last half term 44 pupils have contributed to **222** days of missed learning through holidays and leave of absence.

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:

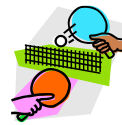
EYFS/Key Stage 1: Mrs Large's class with 98.2%

Key Stage 2: Mr Henderson's class with 99.1%.

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

Children can track their attendance in class and every child who has been in school every day during the half term is put in a draw to win a book.

We also have **Golden Time** every Monday 2.30-3.00 for the class who have the fewest lates. The children go in the hall and have party games or archery, badminton and table tennis.



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.

The prize this half term is tickets to Newcastle Trampoline Park.

Seven Stories

The winner of the Seven Stores pass for last half term was Yasan who is in Ms McCarthy's class. Yasan managed to achieve 100% attendance with no lates for an entire half term.

WELL DONE, Yasan



% attendance in a school year	Action Taken	Number of missed sessions	Number of days of learning missed
100%	No action	0	0
96%	No action	15	1 week, 2 ½ days
93%	Attendance Officer to monitor	26	2 weeks, 3 days
90%	Attendance Officer and pupil support officer Intervention	36	3 weeks, 3 days
85%	Local Authority Intervention	48	4 weeks, 4 days

DID YOU KNOW THAT MISSING SCHOOL ON A REGULAR BASIS MAY:

- Seriously hinder your child's learning and their ability to do well and achieve their potential;
- Affect their confidence to attempt new learning and their ability to work and learn alongside others in general which may result in a reluctance or indeed refusal to attend school;
- Disrupt your child's routines and make them feel vulnerable on their return to school;
- Cause disruption to teaching routines (if teachers need to revisit areas of learning) and, as a result, affect the learning of other children in your child's class;
- Affect their ability to make and sustain friendship groups. Children who are regularly absent from school often feel excluded from play-time games and activities leaving them feeling that they have little in common with their peers;
- Lead to your child becoming disillusioned with school and education as they get older;
- Lead to you, as the parent or carer, facing legal and financial consequences. Please remember that you have a legal duty to ensure your child attends school on a regular basis.

I am particularly concerned about the number of visits overseas this year. Some children have lost, collectively, 482 days of teaching and learning already this year, as parents take their families away for extended periods of time. We understand the difficulties with family living far away, but we must urge you all to try to organise all visits overseas during school holidays. Currently, our school is oversubscribed with a waiting list of more than one hundred children. Children who are absent for long periods of time on extended holidays, may jeopardise their school place.

If you are experiencing difficulty in getting your child to school on a daily basis it is important that you tell us. We will always try to help. There is a team of us outside school at the beginning of every day. Please speak to us.

Mrs J Mullarkey

