19th February 2024

Dear families,

 We are having a big focus on attendance in our school, we want to start healthy attendance habits in the early stages of the children’s career. We are working closely with the local Authority, the Multi Academy Trust and have a supportive attendance team in school.

The expected attendance for any child attending a setting is anything above 97% this is known as the green zone. Anyone under 97% - 92% is known as being in the amber zone, this is where attendance is low and children are at risk of missing important learning opportunities preparing them for their future education. Children who are below 90% are known as persistent absentee and are a cause for concern for staff. They are missing 10% or more time of their education, losing the experiences of forming those strong peer friendships and missing important learning opportunities.

In Early Years we are going for **GREEN!**

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason you must contact the school by ringing the school office on 0191 5862264. Please **DO NOT** contact us via Dojo to tell us your child is absent.

If you feel you are struggling with attendance or would like to come in and talk about attendance please call the school office to make an appointment with Mrs Myhill (child well-being lead), Mrs Sutherland (Head of School) or Mrs White (EYFS Lead).

Please note if your child is in Reception Class and has turned 5 they can be reported to the Local Authority due to persistent absenteeism and if your child is in Nursery and persistently absent you may lose your place as we have a number of children waiting for spaces in sessions to open.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs White

EYFS Lead