

Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School

Autumn Term 24

Our school attendance target is 96%. The overall attendance so far this year is 94.5%. Thank you to all those families who are working with us to prioritise their child's learning and achieve the best outcomes for your child. Well done to Reception and Year 2 children who have jointly achieved the highest attendance this term at 95.8%!

Attendance Matters!

Attendance in school is a high priority for everyone. We are committed to improving attendance. Make sure you are aware of the new government guidelines for school attendance put in place from August 2024. [Working together to improve school attendance](#)

ATTENDANCE WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

1 I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything.
Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine.
The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

£160

2 FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE 10 IN 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

1 Day = **2** Sessions

3 FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days.

4 If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

2ND TIME

2 parents and 1 child = £320
2 children = 640
3 children = 960
4 children = 1280
No discount for early payment

3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court.
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

Attendance Awards

This year, we are rewarding all children who achieve our school target of 96% attendance or above every term. Children will be awarded with a prize and certificate to celebrate this achievement.



Spotlight on persistent absence

What is persistent absence?

If your child takes too much time off school they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent. (Attendance below 90% = persistent absence). Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement. Don't allow your child to become a PA child. This table shows how many days missed each half-term will make your child a PA child:

What is Persistent Absence? Information for all pupils, parents and carers		
The government have issued new guidelines for school attendance. Less than 90% will be classed as 'persistent absence' which can lead to Fixed Penalty Notices and possible court action. Please let us all work together to ensure your daughter's attendance is at the required minimum level of 97% or above (5 days absence or less over the school year). A pupil who is persistently absent is one who misses 10% or more of their schooling for any reason at any given point in the year.		
Terms	Persistent Absence at 10%	Number of days off school
September - October	7 or more sessions	3.5 days
September - December	14 or more sessions	7 days
September - February	20 or more sessions	10 days
September - Easter	25 or more sessions	12.5 days
September - May	31 or more sessions	15.5 days

Congratulations!!

A big congratulations to all 84 children who had 96% or better attendance for last half term.

You are Attendance Superstars!