

Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School

Spring Term 23/24



New Year, New Resolution!

Small changes can make a big difference! Why not pack your child's bag the night before? Set the alarm clock ten minutes earlier? These small changes can help everyone to be ready to leave home in good time, arrive at school punctually and be ready for the day ahead.

Punctuality Matters!

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals are disruptive for the class and can be embarrassing for the child who is late. Children can also miss important information during registration including the plan for the day.

- ◇ Gates open at 8.30am
- ◇ Classroom doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am
- ◇ Late arrival is between 8.50am and 9.20am
- ◇ Arrival after 9.20am is recorded as unauthorised.



Medical Appointments

We request that, where possible, routine medical and dentist appointments are arranged outside school hours as these appointments will affect your child's percentage attendance. 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

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positive impact on their attendance figure. Likewise if they are able to be back in school for afternoon registration at 1.00pm this will also have a positive impact. Please make sure you have contacted the school by 9.25am if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school.

Persistently Absent

Did you know ... If your child takes too much time off school they will become categorised as PA or persistently absent. (Attendance below 90% = persistent absence). Children who take exceptional leave will often become PA for the whole year. At the end of every half term we will send you a letter if your child has been persistently absent from school. This is to highlight to you the learning that your child is missing and offer any help that is needed to help your child be in school regularly.

So why does persistent absence matter?

Missing school has a huge impact on how well a pupil gets on at school. The more school a child misses, the harder it is for them to get into a routine of attending regularly and catch up on the work they have missed.

What can I do?

1. **Be honest.** Every parent struggles at some point, no parent is perfect! If you're having difficulties with your child, seek help. Your child's school is a great place to start.
2. **Engage.** Professionals work with families because they want to help make things better, but they can only help if families talk to them, meet with them, and accept the help that's on offer.

Whole School Attendance



Well done to all of our children who achieved attendance over 96% for the Autumn Term. We had 18 children in school with 100% attendance. Amazing!

Reception 91.6%

Year 1 91.1%

Year 2 92.9%

Thank you for your support in helping to raise our school attendance. If you would like any support or advice on attendance or punctuality, please speak to your child's class teacher or the Headteacher.