

# Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School

Autumn Term 23/24



## A is for Attendance!

At Killamarsh Infant and Nursery School we take attendance and punctuality very seriously. We aim to have an attendance figure in excess of the national average of 96.7%. Attendance data is tracked by the Department for Education and we aim to make sure that our children benefit from being in school every day.

Our current attendance percentage is 92.8% and we **MUST** improve on this figure. We categorise levels of attendance into red, amber and green. **GREEN - 96.5% + attendance** excellent attendance above the national expected average, ideally where all children should aim to be. **AMBER - between 93.5% - 96.5% attendance** or above. Good attendance - in line with or above national expected average. **RED - below 93.5%**. Attendance below expected level. We will monitor the child's attendance and if we do not see an improvement we will contact you by letter. A copy of your child's attendance record is available, on request, from the school office and a copy will be provided for all children in the red zone each half term.



## Regular Attendance means Punctual Attendance

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 8.40am
- ◇ Classroom doors open at 8.50am

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- ◇ Late arrival is between 8.55am and 9.20am
- ◇ Arrival after 9.20am is recorded as unauthorised.

It is essential that your child is at school on time and ready to learn. Any unauthorised absence negatively impacts on our overall attendance figure as well as your child's attendance and achievement levels.

## School Matters!



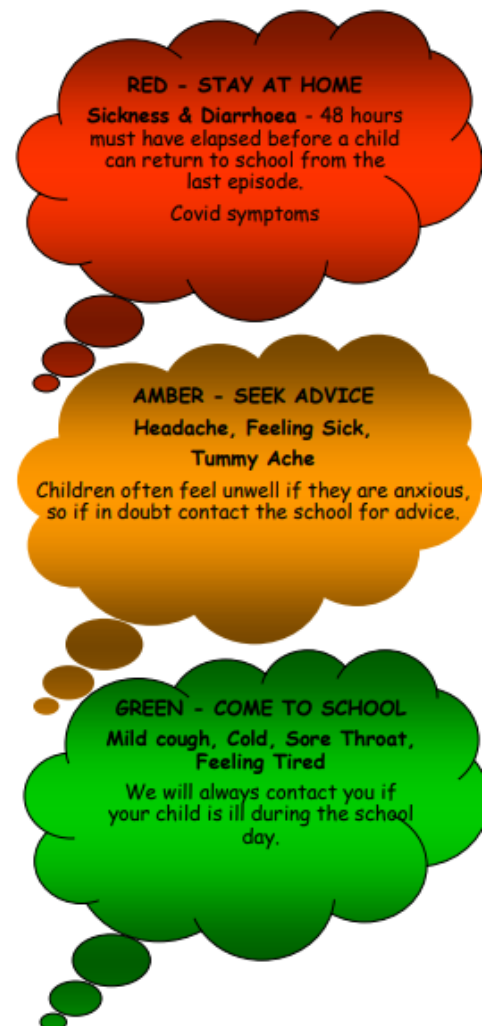
### The Legal Bits

School attendance is important because the law requires it. As a parent you are legally responsible for making sure your child gets a full time education. This means registering your child at school and making sure they attend regularly.

### Absence through illness

We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home, so to help you with this decision we have devised a useful reference guide. If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.15am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school.

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 positive impact on their attendance figure. Likewise if they are able to be back in school for afternoon registration - 1.00pm



The NHS guidance Is my child too ill for school? - NHS ([www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

## Going to school - Why it's so important!

Lots of people think that missing the odd day at school here and there can't do much harm. But even taking a short amount of time can be a problem. Your child might fall behind in their work and not be able to catch up. If there are gaps in their knowledge they will suffer when school assessment time comes around. There could be other problems too; children who miss school are missing out on the social side of things which affects their ability to make and keep friends and it can dent their confidence to attempt new work and work alongside others.



## Holidays and Absence during term time

Absence will not be authorised during term time except in exceptional circumstances. It is very important that all parents and carers understand that children with unauthorised absences, including holidays, and unexplained absences are at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from Derbyshire County Council.



## Have we heard from you?

If your child is absent from school and we are not able to contact you to find out why; we will, on a weekly basis, contact those families to ask them to let us know why their child was not in school. This will come via ParentHub. If we do not hear from you, we will treat the absence as unauthorised.

**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**