



# OAKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER



### AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR BRAND NEW 'TERMLY ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER'

We would like to introduce you to our new termly attendance newsletter.

#### **AUTUMN, SPRING AND SUMMER**

As you are aware, attendance is very important to us at Oakhill Primary. Parents are encouraged to ensure their child/children are in school on a regular basis allowing us to aim for our national expected target each week of 97%.

Oakhill Primary School was rated as 'Good' during our last Ofsted inspection. This was a fantastic outcome, unfortunately, attendance was an area of concern. Even though our attendance has improved since this inspection, we still remain below the national figure.

Our new termly attendance newsletter will enable us to highlight areas that we excel in and areas that need improving. We will share attendance facts and figures, keep you informed of how our attendance is in school and how you, as parents/carers can help us and your child to improve our school attendance.

We would like to thank you in advance for your continued support and hope that you find the termly newsletters useful and informative.

### NEW ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES

We currently have incentives in school to reward children's attendance. From January 2019, we will be introducing some new incentives as below:

- Attendance stars, showing class attendance will be displayed on a weekly basis on the 'Attendance Board' in the hall.
- Pupils with 100% attendance at the end of each term will receive a certificate and a badge, this badge can be worn on their uniform with pride. Autumn will be a bronze badge, Spring will be silver and Summer will be gold.
- The class with the highest attendance for the year will be offered a cream tea or an afternoon party in July.
- Traffic light letters will be sent out to parents at the end of each term containing information about your child's attendance.

### **OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR AUTUMN TERM 2018 was 93.6%**

**OUR WHOLE SCHOOL TARGET IS 97% THIS IS STILL A LONG WAY FROM WHERE WE NEED TO BE!**

This term we have had

Pupils Absent due to Illness

Pupils with Unauthorised absences

Pupils arriving Late

**66 pupils**

**19 pupils**

**32 pupils**

Pupils taking Unauthorised Holiday, resulting in fixed penalty fines of £60 per parent, per child **11 pupils**

**Let's try to reduce these numbers and reach our school target of 97% next term !**

## KEEPING GERMS AT BAY!



Children can pick up nasty bugs and germs really easily!  
If your child becomes ill, especially **sickness or diarrhoea**, please be advised to keep your child at home to enable them to recover and rehydrate .



**PLEASE encourage your child/children to wash their hands regularly, especially before they eat! This can help eliminate germs spreading!**

**ANY** child absent due to illness will **only** be authorised at the school's discretion.

If you take your child to see the GP or nurse, please request evidence of the appointment allowing us to authorise the absence.

If insufficient evidence is provided to school they will receive an unauthorised mark.

Oakhill Primary School has adopted the Local Authority guidelines for ALL term time holidays.

Your child only attends school for **190** days out of **365**. This leaves **175** days for holidays .

Please try your best to book your holidays during these 175 days!

If you do take your child on holiday without authorisation you may receive a penalty fine from Staffordshire County Council.

We have had **13** Penalty Notices issued during this academic year (commencing Sept 2018)!

**DON'T LET IT BE YOU!**

Please complete a 'leave of absence' request form from the school office if you intend to take your child out of school during term time.



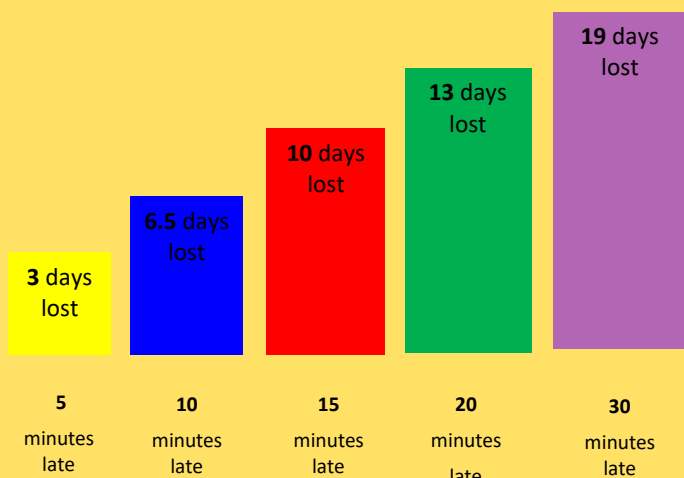
### IMPACT OF PERSISTENT ABCENCES

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons



### IMPACT OF LATENESS

Attendance is not just about pupils missing days from school, regular late marks also affect a child's attendance too!



LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!

**SCHOOL CONTACT;**

**TEACHER TO PARENT NUMBER 07789207779**

**OFFICE NUMBER 01827 213960**

**EMAIL ADDRESS [OFFICE@OAKHILL.STAFFS.SCH.UK](mailto:OFFICE@OAKHILL.STAFFS.SCH.UK)**

**HAVE WE GOT YOUR  
CORRECT NUMBERS?**



Please ensure the school office has a current up to date contact number for you and that other emergency numbers are correct, just encase you are not available.

Please be advised that it is your **responsibility** to inform the school office if your contact details change.

If you have any concerns regarding a child's welfare, you can contact Staffordshire First Response on 0800 131 3126 (out of hours 08456042886) or email [firstr@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:firstr@staffordshire.gov.uk). Warwickshire Mash safeguarding team on 01926414144

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