

February



Check out our new website at:

amblefirst.northumberland.sch.uk

It is still a work in progress but we are very proud of how it is shaping up. Please use the link to have a look.

Mrs Bruce ☺

Attendance awards ★



Our proud 100% attenders for the month of January are:



Reception: Sophie, Archie, Chelsea, Emma, George, Jenson, Maisie, Marcus, Amelie, Evangeline, Charlie, Logan, Isaac, Bret, Callum.

Year One: Jack A, Ellie, Ben, Polly, Ebony, Olly, Aaron F, Ruby, Jack J, Tegan, Harriet, Elliot, Indie, Samantha, Hallie, Millie, Zane, Ella-Jade, Ava.

Year Two: Charlie, Liam, Finlay, Jake, Sophie, Morgan, Jackson, Ebony, Jay★ Luke, Ruby★

Year Three: Phoebe, Isla, Billy, Charleigh, Isaac, George, Caitlin, Callum, Savannah, Jayden, Libby, Courtney, Leo, Lexie S, Evan.

Year Four: Megan, Ryan B, Lexi, Sian, Lily-Mae, Hannah G, Jacob, Lily, Rees, Macy, Jessica, Olivia, Brooke, Oli, Harry, Grace, Hannah O, William, Rhys, Ryan S, Bailey, ★ Oscar.

Dates for your diary

Parent Assemblies - Family and friends are all welcome to watch children celebrate and share their learning - always a Monday afternoon at 2.45pm.

- February 5th - Reception
- March 5th - Year 1
- March 19th - Year 3
- March 26th - Year 4

Literacy parent drop in sessions - This term we welcome you to see your children working in a Literacy lesson. The sessions will be run during the school day either first

thing in the morning or the last session of the day. Watch out for more information from your class teacher nearer the time. The dates are as following:

- **February 26th - Year 2**
- **March 5th - Year 3**
- **March 12th - Reception**
- **March 26th - Year 1**



Parent/ Carer forum

We would love to invite you to our first parent/ carer forum on Thursday March 8th. We will try the first one at 9:00am (see attached letter) This is a chance for you to have a coffee with the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Bruce, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Donaldson), learn more about our school improvement plan and share your views and opinions on school life.



Attendance

Our new attendance policy is in full on our new website but I have included the order of the measures we take in this letter for your information. This policy has been written in consultation with Northumberland County Council and in partnership with Coquet schools. Could I also take this opportunity to ask you to keep appointment cards/letters from any medical trip and had them into the Office to explain your child's absence? This is really helpful for our record keeping.



PTA

The PTA kindly helped fund the refurbishment of our year one classroom. It has been painted and new display boards have been installed. Very smart!

The next **PTA meeting** is on **Tuesday 6th February**, straight after school in the main building. All new members welcome.

Thursday February 22nd school disco, 5:30pm-7:00pm, £2 entry, hot dog and drink included. Pay on the night at the door.



Willow taming

Thank you so much to the Amble Rowing club for coming along in their own time and giving the willow a haircut. It looks fantastic!

World book day

Thursday March 1st is World Book Day. All children are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character OR in their Pyjamas ready for a day of story fun - more information to follow.

Health and Safety procedures



For the safety of children and staff, we have a clear policy that any visitors to the school **MUST** sign in, come in through the front door and be accompanied by a member of staff.

However, there have recently been several occasions when parents have come into school through both the front and back doors without letting anyone know and without a member of staff to escort them.

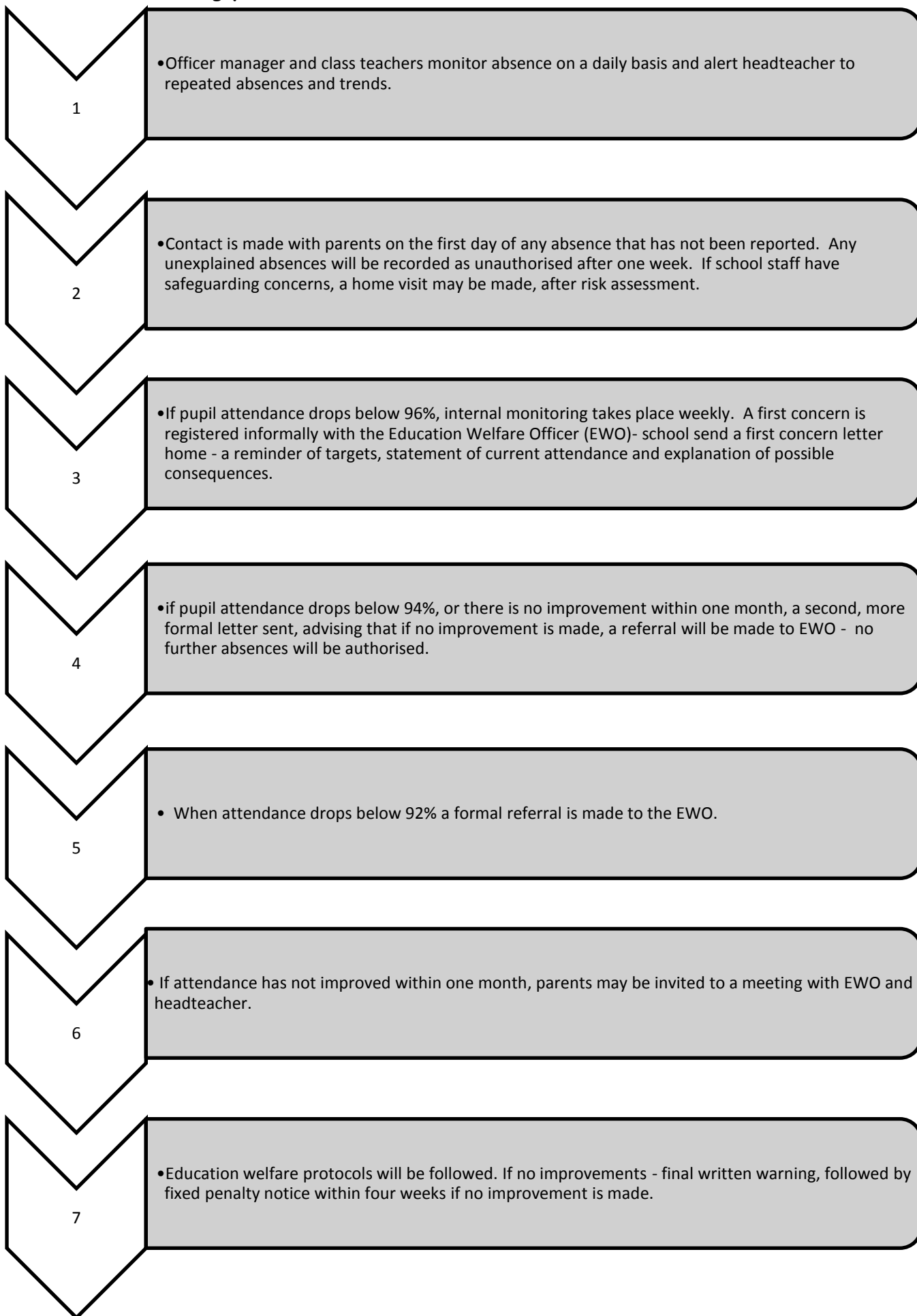
Much as we welcome parents in school, it is vital that everyone who enters the building when children are in has signed in at the front door, has a visitor badge if they are staying for more than a couple of minutes and is accompanied by a member of staff - please help us to stick to our routines for everyone's sake.

If you need to see a class teacher or other member of staff and they are not available on the playground at the start or end of day, just ask another staff member, who will try to locate who you need or find someone else who can help.

Best wishes from,

The Amble First School Team

Attendance monitoring procedures.



Friday 2nd February, 2018

Parent/carer Forum - Thursday March 8th 2018 - 9:00am

The Parent/carer forum is an ideal opportunity for parent/carers to discuss concerns, make suggestions etc. to enable us to make informed decisions and make any necessary improvements. At this meeting I will also share our School Improvement plan and our work towards Ofsted targets. It is important to note that at the forum we cannot discuss issues relating to individual pupils.

In order for me to plan an agenda of items for discussion could I please ask that you complete and return the reply slip below by Friday 2nd March. Please note any items received after this date CANNOT be included in the agenda.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Bruce
Head teacher

PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER THAN Friday 2nd March

CHILD'S NAME _____ CLASS _____

PARENT/CARER'S NAME _____

I will be attending the Parent/carer Forum on Thursday March 8th 2018 at 9:00am.

I would like the following item/s to be placed on the agenda.

Signed _____

