



North Fawdon Primary School

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Fawdon

Newcastle upon Tyne

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Attendance

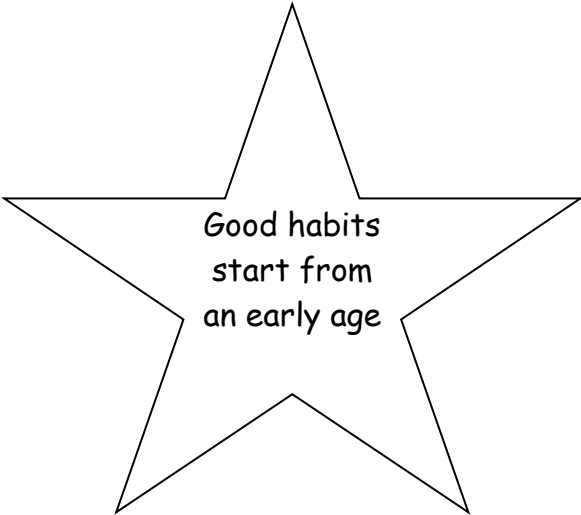
Information for

Parents/Carers of


Reception Children



It is well known that a child who attends school regularly is more likely to perform better, is more likely to establish good friendships and is more likely to fulfil their true potential



Good habits
start from
an early age



That's why we expect all
of our Reception children
to meet the same
attendance targets as the
rest of the children in our
school

What School Expects from You

- Please ensure that your child does not miss unnecessary time from school for low level illness e.g. coughs/colds or headlice
- If your child is absent please contact school by 9:00am to provide a reason for absence and an expected date of return
- Please ensure your child arrives on time for school - **8:55am**
- Try to arrange any medical appointments for outside of school time
- You may be asked to provide medical evidence if your child's attendance is regularly affected by illness or if they are absent for more than 3 days in a row
- Arrange holidays during the allocated school holiday periods. Holidays will not be authorised during term time.
- Please encourage your child to form positive views about their education. They learn from you! A child who feels positive about school is more likely to want to attend every day

What can you expect from us?

- We will talk to you if we are concerned about your child's attendance and/or punctuality.
- If we do not hear from you regarding an absence we will attempt to contact you by phone
- We can offer 1:1 or group support for your child if there are specific issues affecting attendance e.g. friendship/confidence/social difficulties
- We can offer family/parent support if there are any difficulties at home affecting attendance
- Our Attendance Officer will visit you at home (unplanned) for any of the reasons below and will discuss any support that could be offered :
 - a) Your child's attendance falls below 96%. It does not take many absences for a child's attendance to fall below 96% especially at the start of the school year
 - b) Your child is continually absent for 3 days or longer without an acceptable reason
 - c) You fail to provide a reason for absence
- We have a duty to report repeated poor attendance to the Local Authority who may decide to take legal action against any parent whose child is of statutory school age and who fails to achieve expected attendance levels without sufficient supporting evidence

The impact of poor attendance

- Your child misses valuable learning opportunities
- Your child misses out on fun activities and social aspects of school life
- Your child is less likely to reach their developmental milestones
- Your child's teacher will not be able to make an accurate assessment of their learning needs. This could mean that vital opportunities for providing your child with additional support (if needed) are missed
- Your child may find it more difficult to maintain friendships and so could feel socially isolated. This impacts on their future
- Your child's name is placed on a list provided to the Local Authority as being at risk of having poor attendance in forthcoming years
- Most children who truant from school as teenagers or who become "school refusers" have had a history of poor attendance during their early education

We pride ourselves in being a supportive school with a listening ear. Please come and talk to us if there is anything affecting you, your child or your family.

We have access to a range of support within Newcastle to support with the following

Attendance

Behaviour

Housing

Debt Management

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Mental Health

Physical Health

Drugs & Alcohol

Family Problems

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