



Wingrove Primary School Attendance Newsletter Spring 2019

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome to the spring edition of Wingrove's attendance newsletter. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and that you're all keen to ensure your child arrives at school on time and achieve good attendance. We have had an increase in children arriving to school late. Children start learning as soon as they are in class, so your child is missing out when they arrive late. We continue to work towards our goals regarding attendance and punctuality as we believe this gives children the best education. Attendance lower than 95% can significantly impact upon your child's learning.

If you would like to speak to me regarding your child's attendance or absence, I am outside most mornings near the main school doors.

With kind regards

Mrs Prosperini
Administrative Officer

Remember the doors open at **8.45**. If you arrive after the bell goes at **8.55**, you are late. Get to school on time and be prepared for the day ahead.

Morning nursery doors open at **8.40** and afternoon at **12.25**.

**HURRY!
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Overall Punctuality

Last term, we had **287** lates, a total of over **43 hours lost learning**.

Please ensure you get your child to school on time.



Overall attendance

Children in primary school are expected to have attendance above 96%.

Our target for the whole school is set by the government and the local authority and we are expected to reach at least 96% this academic year. Last term we achieved **95.9%**. **We need to work very hard to keep this up.**

Phoning to report an absence

Please phone before 9.00 the first morning your child is absent. Leave a message on the absence line. It is important to state your child's full name, the name of their teacher and the reason for their absence.

Although we strive for good attendance for all children, we understand that everyone can be ill. If your child is too unwell to come to school, then please phone the school on the number below:



**0191 2735466 or
0191 2735842**

Illness

All children at some point are ill, which means that they cannot attend school.

If your child has sickness and diarrhoea or a high temperature then they cannot attend school. However, if your child has a minor complaint such as a runny nose, mild cough or sore throat, then they could attend school. Last term **841** days were missed due to illness.



At the end of the school day

Picking your children up on time at the end of the day is just as important as getting them to school on time.

Please remember school finishes at **3.15**. Afternoon nursery is **3.30**. If, on occasion, you may be late picking your children up, please ring the school office.



Holidays and leave of absence in term time

We continue to work with the local authority in relation to issuing fines for holidays taken in term time. This is an increasing problem, we feel our children should not miss out on their education. **Last academic year we had 132 children missing 868 days due to holidays.**

Last term **34** pupils contributed to **227** days of missed learning through holidays.

Please look at the school term calendar and plan your time away during school holiday time. **Penalty fines will be enforced accordingly.**

The calendars are available to see on all outside notice boards, at the school office and on the school website for your information.



Film and popcorn afternoons

The children love to try and achieve the best attendance for their class. Every half term, the classes in EYFS/Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, with the best attendance, win a film afternoon complete with popcorn. The winners last half term were:

EYFS/Key Stage 1: Mrs Large and Mrs Jobson/Mrs Lawson-Perfect's classes with 97.1%

Key Stage 2: Miss Pemberton's class with 98.2%.

Well done to all classes.

We also have **Golden Time** every week for the class who have the fewest lates. The children have a selection of board games to play with their classmates.



100% Attendance Draw



All children who achieve 100% attendance in a half term, and haven't been late, will have their name in the prize draw. Aryan in Miss Jordan's class won last half term and was awarded a collection of prizes.



We also have an attendance chart in each classroom, where the children can track their own attendance. The children with 100% each half term have their names in a draw and the winner is awarded a book.

Help your child arrive at school on time

Make sure children get enough sleep



Make sure alarm is set



Make sure uniform is ready the night before



Make sure PE/swimming kits are ready the night before



I continue to enjoy greeting you all in the morning when you are dropping off your children at school. Everyone is so eager to get into the warm building to see their friends and find out about all the exciting learning which is planned for the day. This term has been no exception, although I have had a lot of morning meetings over the last few weeks and have not been able to be outside as much as I would like. I intend to work to improve on this over the next few weeks. It is so good to see all the celebration around good attendance which we currently have in school. Well done to all of you who try really hard to get to school every day and on time – especially Miss Pemberton's class with 98.2%. This is amazing! Some parents have asked about whether we can offer some paid after school child care each night of the week, and I am currently looking into this. I understand that it can be difficult for some families to collect children at 1515 each evening due to collection of siblings at other schools or work commitments, and we would like to help where we can. I am currently carrying out a feasibility study and there will soon be a survey coming your way. The numbers will be limited as the plan will be to hold the sessions in The Community Room. Letters will come out to parents and carers of the youngest members of our school. This is because the requests have come from this group of families. We try to encourage our children to be resilient, to never give up, to try their very best each and every day in order to achieve the very best they can. Good attendance can have a huge impact on progress and attainment. Children cannot achieve as much if they miss a lot of school. It can sometimes affect friendships as well, because children rely on their friends to be there every day. Thank you for your continuing support in our endeavour to achieve attendance figures which are greater than the national expectation of 96%. Come on, we can do it!

Mrs J Mullarkey

