



TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

28th February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As you know, it is important that all pupils attend school regularly. As indicated below, the impact of just a few days' absence can be significant on your son or daughter's academic progress.

100%	Excellent attendance
98%	Very good attendance Less than 4 days absence per year
95%	Satisfactory attendance Less than 9 days' absence a year. Poulton Lancelyn Primary School attendance target for all pupils is 96% or above.
94-90%	Below average/low attendance 14-18 days' absence per year; missing this much schooling means that the pupil will miss out on opportunities within the wider life of the school.
90% or below	Exceptionally low attendance 19 days or more absences in a year. Students with attendance of 90% or below are classed, under new Government guidelines, as persistently absent from school and parents of pupils with this level of attendance may be called into school to meet with the Headteacher. It will be difficult for persistent absentees to keep up with their work and their school work may suffer significantly as well as missing out on a significant amount of additional opportunities.

Please note that there are plenty of agencies available to help support you in ensuring that attendance reaches at least 96%. These include:

- Regular checks and keeping healthy advice from your GP
- The School Nurse Hub – no appointment necessary and free to attend across the Wirral – search “Health and wellbeing hub for children in Wirral”
- CAMHS advice line 0151 488 8453
- Support from school

The DfE regulations make it clear that Headteacher's may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances; holidays will be unauthorised and may be referred to the Education Social Welfare team and incur a fine.

If you have downloaded our new Eschools App you will be able check your child's attendance every time you log on.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child has good attendance in school.

Kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Arnold
Headteacher