



High Hazels Academy

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## ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2

### ATTENDANCE

As you know, attendance is an area of concern for our school. We are encouraging our children to attend school regularly through our half termly attendance reward scheme, which includes tie-pin awards, half termly parties and a special attendance banquet.

Any child with over 99% attendance at the end of the year will also have their name entered and could win a superb prize. Prizes include a boys and girls bike, a scooter and a cuddly monkey.

At the end of last term our KS2 school attendance was **96.2%**, our KS1 attendance was **94.8%**, and our EYFS attendance was **92.7%**.

With your help and by working TOGETHER we can ensure that our children are getting the very best education by being here every day.

### WAKEY! WAKEY!

#### REGULAR ATTENDANCE MEANS PUNCTUAL ATTENDANCE

Arriving on time for school is important as late arrivals can be disruptive to the class and embarrassing for the child who is late.

**Learning starts at 8.50 so children who are even only 5-10 minutes late each day can miss up to 5 hours of learning each term!!!!**

If a child arrives after 8.50am then the morning session gets marked as late

Doors Open	8.00am
Doors & Gates Close	8.50am
Late after	8.50am

You will now need to sign your child into school at the school office if they are late, with a reason for their lateness.

### Attendance Matters



- 90% = missing half a day a week  
= missing nearly 100 lessons per year
- 80% = missing 1 day a week  
= missing nearly 200 lessons per year
- 70% = missing 1 ½ days in a week  
= missing nearly 300 lessons per year
- 60% = missing 2 days a week  
= missing nearly 400 lessons per year
- 50% = missing 2 ½ days in a week  
= missing nearly 500 lessons per year

**What is your child's attendance?**

**Are they missing their education?**

### IF YOUR CHILD IS GENUINELY ILL

If your child is genuinely ill then, of course, they will need to remain at home.

Please contact the school office, before 9.00am with an absence reason, on **0114 2442189**. If we do not have an absence reason we will text you and carry out a home visit to see why your child has been absent from school. If we do not have a valid reason for non-attendance, then they will get an unauthorised absence mark in the register.

If you are unsure as to whether your child can attend school, please contact your doctor or speak to the pastoral team.

## TO SEND OR NOT TO SEND?

Often a child will wake up in the morning saying that they feel unwell. Whilst we do encourage children to come to school even if they 'feel a little unwell' we do not want any child who is genuinely ill to come to school. Always try and send your child to school if they are a little 'under the weather' for example with a runny nose, headache, tummy ache. The school will always contact you if your child is unwell which is why it is vitally important that we have your correct contact details.

**HOWEVER**, please do not send your child to school if they have any infectious illnesses like chicken pox, measles etc. Medical confirmation from your doctor will ensure your child's absence is authorised. If your child has been vomiting or is suffering from diarrhoea, then they must stay away from school for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is to ensure that any infection does not spread through the school.

## Punctuality means ...



School begins at 8:50 – **BE ON TIME!**

“lost minutes = lost learning!”



Every school day counts **BUT** every minute is equally important!

## WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU

If you are having problems getting your child in to school, then why not contact our Pastoral Team?

Worried about lateness? Please consider making use of our breakfast club!

We want to help you, as we all want the best education for our children.

Please contact us through the school office to book a time or to just have a chat.

There is plenty of support we can offer you, you just need to ask.