

26TH APRIL 2024

# MERRYLANDS ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER TERM ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER



## Attendance



School Attendance Target: 97.00%

Whole school attendance this academic year so far %



The school start time is 8.55 am, late marks are not permitted! Children can arrive at school at 8.40 am. If you arrive after 8.55 am your child will get a late mark. Lateness after 8.55 am is unauthorised.

At Merrylands Primary School we value children's attendance, as children with low attendance make less progress at school. Children need to be in school to learn. Almost all our lessons build on previous learning and if a child is missing sessions they are going to struggle when they return. Missing sessions makes it much harder for children to gain all the benefit from their time at school. All children are entitled to access education by law.

### ABSENCE PROCEDURES

- if your child is absent from school for any reason you must telephone/email school by 9.00 am on the first day of the absence and all subsequent days
- if we do not receive a call/message we will ring/email you, if we do not receive a response we will telephone the additional contacts on the child's file
- if contact is not made with a reason for absence this will result in the absence being unauthorised
- where we have concerns over excessive absence patterns we will discuss this with parents/carers in order to gain a better understanding of the problems and to offer support
- do not let your child stay home unless he/she is too sick to attend school. We do not consider a cold, cough, or headache to be an illness that prevents your child attending school. If they are complaining of this kind of illness please bring them to school and if they deteriorate we will call you to collect them. We can administer prescribed medication for children who may require it
- keep in mind if you send your child to school when they are unwell and we think they are too sick to be in school the absence is authorised
- all pupils with less than 97% attendance will be monitored closely by school. Letters will be sent to parents/carers, informing them of Attendance Monitoring and the fact that attendance has dropped below 97%

### Attendance

Acorn:  
Sunflower:  
Daisy:  
Daffodil:  
Ladybird:  
Dragonfly:  
Butterfly:  
Sycamore:  
Oak:  
Maple:  
Lake:  
Ocean:  
River:  
Amazon:  
Snowdonia:  
Eagle:  
Falcon:  
Adventurer:  
Explorer:

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

You can demonstrate your commitment to your child's education by not taking holidays during term time. Any child or young person who is absent from school will miss out on important learning and will fall behind with their school work. In each academic year there are only a maximum of 190 statutory school days – this allows plenty of time for holidays to be arranged outside term time. Any leave taken during term time will be categorised as unauthorised. Avoid taking any leave during the school term.



[www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/)

# MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



## SATS

Please note SATS for the Year 6 pupils are week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May.  
Children **MUST** be in school all week!

"THIS MORNING, HE  
WAS WORRIED ABOUT  
SCHOOL... BUT LOOK  
AT HIM NOW!"

MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.



HM Government

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



"THIS MORNING,  
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**There will be termly prizes for all children  
who achieve 100% attendance each term.**

**Children who achieve 100% over the full  
academic year will be rewarded with a trip  
at the end of the academic year.**

**Please help your child achieve good  
attendance.**

We are exceptionally keen to recognise  
where attendance is fantastic, and to al-  
ways encourage positive attendance and  
improvements.