

Leeming & Londonderry Community Primary School

Attendance Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, everybody at Leeming and Londonderry Primary School is committed to ensuring that each of our children gets the best possible start to life. One way we can do this is through ensuring regular school attendance. Evidence shows that children who attend school regularly are more successful, not only in school, but in all areas of life.

We hope that you will continue to support us in improving our school attendance by making sure the children are here every day and learning. However, we also recognise that on occasion we have bouts of sickness where we ask you to keep your child at home for 48 hours which has an impact on some children's attendance percentage. Please do not worry about this as it is important that this type of illness is not allowed to spread.

Mrs Sykes
Headteacher

Lateness

Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over the year. Lateness is just as serious as non-attendance and could also lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice.

The start of the school day is an important time for children to develop their social skills with their peers, as well as preparing them for their learning. We start teaching at 8.55am and 'late' children miss out on vital skills such as phonics and/or basic number work.

Should you wish to discuss your child's attendance at any time, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Sykes.

Illness

We know that illness is unavoidable and to be expected. However it is very important to inform the school on the **first** day of absence with the reason either by phone 01677 422160, email admin@leeminglyondonderry.n-yorks.sch.uk or in person at the school office.



Term Time Holidays

During the summer term, 23% of our children had attendance lower than 95%. A significant proportion of these absences were due to holidays taken in term time.

Your children only attend school for 190 days out of 365. This leaves 175 days for holidays. Please book your holidays during these 175 days of school holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances that prevent this. Applications for absence in exceptional circumstances should be made on the form available from the school office.

Please note that as of September 2019, if you take your child out of school on an unauthorised leave of absence, for any period of at least 10 school sessions (5 school days) in a block, or over a four month period, the Head teacher is duty bound to submit a request for a fixed penalty notice to be sent to you by the Local Authority.

Did You Know....?

For every day of school missed by a pupil it will reduce their attendance by 0.5%.

Ten whole days of school has been missed if your child has 95% attendance.

Twenty whole days of school has been missed if a pupils' attendance is 90%.

By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance) they have missed 6 weeks or half a term of schooling.