



Wednesday 16th October 2024

Dear Nursery and Reception Parents/Guardians,

**Re: Early Years Attendance**

As we enter the colder months where children often catch colds, we would like to take a moment to remind you of the importance of regular attendance for all children attending our Early Year Provision.

While we understand that children in these early years are not yet of statutory school age, being in school and arriving on time are essential habits that support your child's development. Here's why it matters:

1. **Creating Routines:** A consistent routine helps children feel secure and understand what to expect each day. Being on time allows your child to have a check in with their adults in school, start the day calmly with their peers, listen to the teacher going through the visual timetables and settle into the school day smoothly.
2. **Building Learning Foundations:** Early Years education lays the foundation for important skills such as language, communication, and social interaction. Regular attendance ensures that your child has every opportunity to build on these crucial areas of development.
3. **Fostering Social Skills:** Arriving on time allows children to engage with their peers right from the start of the day. Social interactions are a key part of their learning at this stage, and being punctual ensures that they don't miss out on these opportunities.
4. **Good Habits for the Future:** Developing the habits of good attendance and punctuality in these early years sets the stage for a positive attitude toward education as your child progresses through school.

We understand that occasional absences due to illness or unforeseen circumstances are unavoidable. However, we ask that, whenever possible, you aim to bring your child to school on time each day to help them make the most of their time with us and to ensure they make excellent progress.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child's success in these formative years. If you have any concerns or require assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kind regards,

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Headteacher