

## Lillington Nursery & Primary School - Attendance Matters Newsletter

Welcome to our new attendance matters newsletter, which we will send to you all on the first Monday of each new month to help celebrate the previous month's attendance. At Lillington we want all children to feel excited about their school and we are working hard every day to facilitate various initiatives to help your child(ren) with developing a lifelong passion for learning. You will now be aware that Lillington is proud to be a **myHappyMind** school and all the teaching and non-teaching staff at Lillington have the children's wellbeing underpinning everything that we do in our exciting school. If you are struggling with your child's attendance and morning routine, please do let us know we are here to help.

Mrs Khara, Learning Mentor answers some frequently asked questions about school attendance and why it matters.

1. **Why is it important for my child not to miss school?** A child benefits from lots of different opportunities at school including learning social skills and how to foster and nature friendships.
2. **What might the impact of low school attendance be?** Children who are persistently absent from school risk not achieving their full potential. 65% of children who have 15 days or more absence from school achieve good results in English and Math versus 90% of children who have fewer than 8 days absence. Children who regularly miss school can become vulnerable and as they mature may continue to miss school through truancy and potentially more likely to be drawn into crime.
2. **What does the law state?** Children who are of compulsory school age (5years - 18\* years) must receive a suitable fulltime education. It is the legal duty of a parent or guardian to ensure their child(ren) attends school. \*From 16 to 18 years you must do one of the following: Stay in full time education such as a college or sixth form, start an apprenticeship or spend 20 hours or more in work or volunteering, whilst in part time education or training.

# REPORTING ABSENCE AT LILLINGTON

## What to do if your child is poorly and off school?

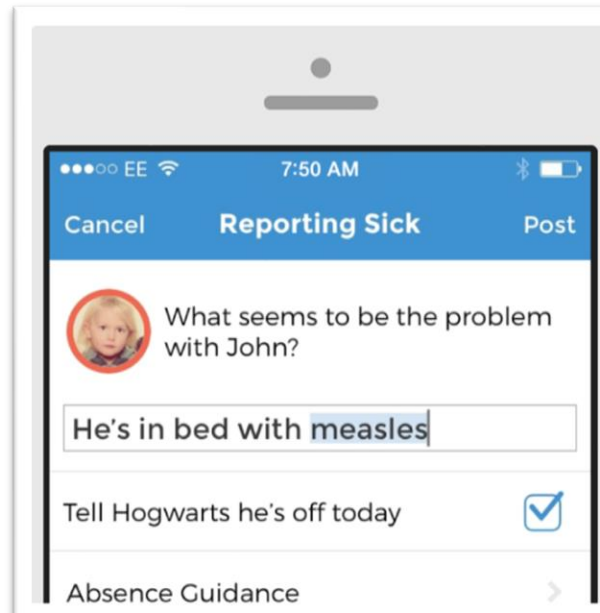
Reporting your child absent from school is important and must be done at the beginning of each day of absence by 8.45am. Please follow the instructions on How to use Study Bugs. Thank you for your support. From your mobile phone visit our school website : [Please click here to report your child absent from school.](#)



Click on the Studybugs icon which will appear as a banner at the top school home page. You can download the app for free.



Please report your child(ren)'s absence by 8.45am and for each subsequent day.



## A better, safer way to report when your child is sick and off school.

With a few quick taps or clicks, you can give your child's school all they need to record absence due to illness.

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# LILLINGTON ATTENDANCE CELEBRATION

## Weekly 100% Club

# 100%

At each Monday assembly a child is selected randomly from the 100% attendance list and is awarded the Lillington Attendance Badge.

During Friday assembly the classes from lower school and upper school with the highest attendance for that week will be awarded the Lillington Attendance Trophy.

Each Our pupils aspire to receive these accolades and celebrate with their peers and staff.

We will also be noticing and celebrating each week as part of our weekly newsletter.



## Lillington Whole School Attendance. SEPTEMBER.

Nursery	96.6%
Reception, Bevan	94.1%
Year 1, Darwin	92.8%
Year 2, Peake	93.0%
Year 3, Drew	92.7%
Year 4, Hopper	95.0%
Year 5, King	96.9%
Year 6, Fitzgerald	87.8%
Maple	90.1%

**WHOLE SCHOOL 93.5%**

## Termly 100% Cinema



We have decided to celebrate all pupils who achieve 100% attendance during the term. They will be invited to the exclusive 'LILLINGTON FLIX' to enjoy a film\* with popcorn.

A film will be hosted three times per year at the end of the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms.



\* All films are 'U' rated and suitable for all.

LNPS Attendance Target is 95%



# LILLINGTON SPOTLIGHT

## PUNCTUALITY

**Punctuality** : It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day. Did you know? 10 minutes late every day adds up to 33 hours lost learning each year.

**Routines** : The easiest way to ensure your child attends school on time every day is to establish a good evening and morning routine. Mornings can be hectic in every household. Preparing as much as possible the night before will help a great deal. The Lillington school gates open at 8.35am and your child(ren)'s teacher will welcome them into their classroom. The school gates close at 8.45am please ensure your child is in class before the registers close.

**Late** : If your child arrives after 8.45am, please accompany them to the school office to sign in late. These late procedures are in place to help ensure that every child is entered onto the register correctly and can be accounted for in the event of an emergency. This is to ensure the Health and safety of your child(ren) and we thank you for your support with making sure that these procedures are always followed.

## Tips to help with arriving at school on time each day

Make sure your child knows why school is important.

Show your child(ren) that you are interested in what they have done at school each day.

Get everything ready the night before school

If possible, please arrange appointments before or after school or during the school holidays.

Set an alarm for your child and create a beat the clock game at home.

Catch an earlier bus or leave home a little earlier if you walk to school.

Pictures of the morning routine can help some children establish a morning pattern.  
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## MORNING TIME ROUTINES



Get dressed



Put away pj's



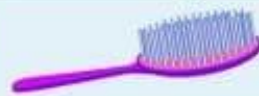
Eat breakfast



Brush teeth



Use the toilet



Brush hair



Put on shoes



Have lunch/homework



Off to School