

Lillington Nursery & Primary School - Attendance Matters Newsletter

Welcome to the second edition of our attendance matters newsletter. We continue to develop our **myHappyMind** school culture and remind you to talk to your children about the STOP - WALK - TALK. We teach all the children about the importance of kindness both to each other and ourselves. All children and staff have a right to feel safe in school and it is important that we all continue to work together to uphold our high expectations of each other and ourselves. We pride ourselves on being inclusive and offering strategies that best support your children in school every day. Please do speak to us if you require support with your child attending school.

Our Learning Mentor, Mrs Khara shares some useful insights from the Children's Commissioner.

Whilst the King's speech did not include legislation that would help support the national school absence situation, Improving school attendance remains a priority for the Children's Commissioner. Attendance struggles in secondary education can, and do lead to poorer outcomes in examinations, whilst low attendance in primary school can impact a child's self-esteem and desire for learning new skills. You can read the full briefing via this link or by opening the document attached to our email.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/blog/briefing-on-school-attendance-in-england/>

At Lillington we strive to offer an engaging and robust curriculum that is inclusive and enables your children to develop their individual passions and the skills required to enjoy lifelong learning - both formal and informal. Parental engagement with a child's education is crucial which is why we invite parents into school to share experiences with their children.

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 the 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 of 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. OCTOBER.

Nursery	99.9%	+ 3.3%
Reception, Bevan	95.4%	+ 1.3%
Year 1, Darwin	94.0%	+ 1.2%
Year 2, Peake	95.5%	+ 2.5%
Year 3, Drew	92.7%	- 0.4%
Year 4, Hopper	94.7%	- 0.3%
Year 5, King	95.9%	- 0.9%
Year 6, Fitzgerald	90.2%	+ 2.4%
Maple	92.9%	+ 2.8%

WHOLE SCHOOL 94.0%



Still room to improve and hit our target.

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.

As at the autumn half term mark we have 68 pupils on track to enjoy this experience. We hope it continues to be one jam packed film!



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

LNPS Attendance Target is 95%



LILLINGTON SPOTLIGHT

WE ARE HERE TO HELP SUPPORT WITH PUNCTUALITY – PLEASE ASK.

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 and get everything ready together the night before school.

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

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

If you are unable to arrange appointments outside of school hours, please bring a copy of the appointment card to the school office.

Pictures of the morning routine can help some children establish a morning pattern.
(see next page)

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

MORNING TIME ROUTINES



Get dressed



Put away pj's



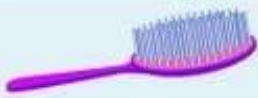
Eat breakfast



Brush teeth



Use the toilet



Brush hair



Put on shoes



Have lunch/homework



Off to School

Remember we have a free breakfast club each morning before school which runs from 7.45am. Please check your parent pay account under clubs for availability. There are two sessions and if you book onto session 1 you must book a place on session 2.

Term Dates can be found on our website:

<https://www.lillingtonprimary.com/school-times-and-holiday-dates/>

Staff INSET Day Friday 17th November 2023.

Autumn Term ends on Friday 22nd December 2023.

Spring Term starts on Wednesday 10th January 2024.

Half Term is Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2024.

Staff INSET Day Monday 11th March 2024.

Spring Term ends on Friday 22nd March 2024.

Summer Terms starts on Monday 8th April 2024.

Half Term is Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024.

Summer Term ends Friday 19th July 2024.

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.

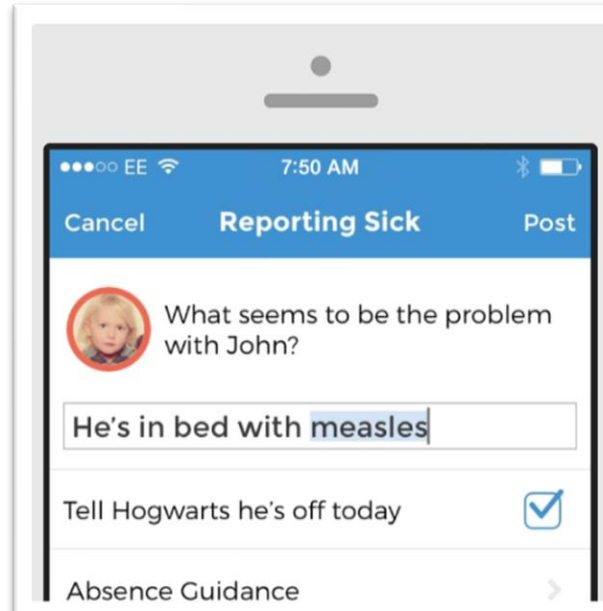
From your mobile phone visit our school website : [Please click here to report your child absent from school.](#)



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, regardless of the reason.



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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