



ATTENDANCE POLICY

School Matters!



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Dear parents and carers,

We highly value good attendance in our school because we know the positive impact it has on children's learning and relationships.

We know parents want their children to get on well in life. A good education at primary school will support your child in many ways: in being the best they can be academically; in developing positive friendships & social skills; in developing positive habits which will support them at secondary school & future workplaces. Research has shown a link between poor attendance and poor outcomes for children – this is why good attendance matters.

If ever your child has a worry or is unhappy about coming to school please do talk to the class teacher – we want to help if we can.

We update our Attendance Policy each year – please see attached. Please take time to read it. We have additional information on attendance in the Covid Addendum too. For more information on attendance, please see the below leaflet from Gloucestershire County Council which is linked to our website too:

<http://www.eastingtonprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/pdf-leaflet-for-parents-school-attendance-oct2017.pdf>

The last year and a half have been a challenge in many ways but I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you parents and carers for holding onto a positive approach to attendance. The attendance for our school has remained strong for the last three years. Children in the persistent absence group have been consistently well below the national average too which is a real strength. We do understand that absence for individuals and the school may be affected by the outbreak of covid – everyone has worked together to limit the disruption, so thank you again to all those who have sought PCR tests when needed to reduce the spread of covid/risk of illness/time of school for other children and staff over the last few weeks.

With many thanks,

Zoe Avastu