

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had some challenges with school attendance this term and overall school attendance is now at 93% which is below the government required percentage of 96%. In order to provide you with an up to date record of your child's school attendance, a pupil report has been sent out this half term also outlining attendance. If your child's attendance is below 96% then they are falling behind on the requirement from the government on school attendance which will have a significant impact on their learning in school.

Please be aware that any child with attendance under 90% is considered as a persistent absentee and school will be working with you to monitor their attendance in the next half term and putting steps in line with our persistent absentee procedures in the attached school attendance policy.

[James Elliman Attendance Policy 2024\\_2025.pdf](#)

Missing days from school will result in your child falling behind in their learning as lessons build on what children already know and missing one day will make tomorrow's lesson more difficult. One day could be as many as 6 missed lessons, as well as time spent with friends and doing extra-curricular activities. You can support your child's physical, social and mental wellbeing by ensuring they are in school every day. Absences can also have a negative impact on your child's behaviour in school.

We know it can be difficult to know whether your child is too ill to attend school. NHS guidance is clear that it is fine to send them in with a minor cough or common cold, provided they don't have a temperature.

We have a number of initiatives to promote good attendance and continue to celebrate individual attendance achievements with our half-termly attendance raffles.

**Winners for our 100% weekly attendance raffle this half term are as follows:**

Reception – Zina Butincu - Butterworth

Year 1 – Esmee Dalton – 1 Milne

Year 2 – Hami Fatima – 2 Briggs

Year 3 – Kelvin Djalo – 3 McNaughton

Year 4 – Daniyal Raza – 4 Lewis

Year 5 – Leena Ahmadi – 5 Pratchett

Year 6 – Saarah Butt – 6 Horowitz

**Winners for our 100% half term attendance (children who came to school every day this half term) raffle are as follows:**

Reception – Andrei Nedelea - Donaldson

Year 1 – Shivansh Ramagani – 1 Milne

Year 2 – Keeran Jeyavathasan – 2 Briggs

Year 3 — Liam Norton - 3 Carroll

Year 4 – Spogmai Faiq – 4 Walliams

Year 5 – Satheesh Sajan – 5 Pratchett

Year 6 – Laaibah Ilyas – 6 Shakespeare

**Well done to all our winners! Remember if your child has 100% attendance in Spring term 2, they have a chance of winning next time.**

Attending school every day can help your child to achieve their aspirations, and the aspirations you have for them. Please support the school in improving your child's school attendance after half term.

AS PARENTS/CARERS IT IS YOUR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL REGULARLY AND ON TIME. ALL ABSENCE AND LATENESS IS MONITORED BY THE SCHOOL AND THE EDUCATION WELFARE OFFICER.

Lateness has a negative impact. Being late may disrupt lessons, affect achievement and embarrass or upset your child.

COMING TO SCHOOL ON TIME EVERY DAY helps your child:

- To be ready for learning and not miss learning opportunities
- To settle into the day
- To get into good habits for the future, both in schooling and work

Please remember children are recorded late if arriving at school office after 8:45am.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs T Johal

Principal