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Attendance

5.10.20

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good attendance is extremely important. Statistics show a direct link between underachievement and poor attendance. Regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically. Regular attenders find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with.

As you may already be aware, at John Perry Primary School we aim for a minimum of **96%** attendance.

If your child is unwell we are required to ask for a **specific reason**.

We will contact you every day during the period of absence to ask for an update. The school is required to ask for evidence wherever possible e.g. appointment letters or appointment cards, GP notes etc.

If your child says they are unwell and you are in doubt, please send them into school and we can phone and update you. However, if your child shows any Covid19 symptoms – e.g. a new and continuous cough, a high temperature and/or loss of sense of taste/smell – please do not bring them to school.

School Attendance and the Law

Under the 1996 Education Act, parents and carers are responsible for ensuring their children attend school regularly and punctually. Failure to do so could result in legal action being taken against them by the Local Authority.

This may include penalty charge notices or court summons.

We understand that within families there can be unforeseen circumstances. In times of emergency or upheaval, it is sometimes better to keep a child in school where we can provide a safe and familiar routine while the family attends to issues. Friendships in school can provide support and stability during difficult times.

Although we strive for excellent punctuality, we would rather the pupils were a little late than miss an entire school day. If you are delayed, please try to phone and let us know.

We are here to help. Please let us know if we can support you in these matters in any way.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Rajan-Weare

Assistant Head Teacher

