



Wren's Nest Primary School



# Attendance Newsletter



## Spring Term 1

### Winter Illness

Thank you to our families for continuing to work with us to ensure that all children have the best possible attendance. As we continue through the winter months, we know that children will often have coughs and colds. We encourage you to send your child to school after giving them paracetamol before school if needed.

### Punctuality Reminder

8:20am—Doors open for Early Birds

8:40am—Doors open \*\*

9:00am—Gates close. Children are now late and must be signed in at the main school office by an adult with a valid reason given.

\*\* Children start the school day by doing an 'Early start' session which includes feedback on the previous day's learning, wellbeing

### Absence Procedures

- Please inform the school office if your child will be absent from school.
- You may be asked to supply medical evidence such as medication or appointment letters. Please arrange appointments outside of school hours where possible.
- If you have not contacted school, Mrs Hill or Mrs Cadman will contact you to find out the reason for absence.
- Mrs Hill or Mrs Cadman may also contact you at the end of the school day to enquire about your child and discuss their return to school the following day. They will continue to contact you each day that your child is absent to check in and offer support where possible.

We are proud to celebrate outstanding commitment and dedication to attendance! Year 1 and Year 6 were identified as year groups that were losing more days of learning than we would have liked. They were given a 4 week time scale to improve and both year groups smashed their target! Well done!

This term Year 2 and Year 6 were the lowest attenders so again a target has been set and I'm sure this can be achieved too. Come on Year 2 and Year 6!

Our attendance leaders at the moment are Year 3 and Year 4 with 95.1% and 95.2% attendance.

Our current attendance rate stands at 93% — a great achievement that reflects everyone's commitment and effort! However, our goal is to reach 94%, and we know we can get there together. Every day counts — let's continue to show up, support one another and achieve 94%.

## SUPPORT FROM SCHOOL

Where possible school will offer support to you and your child around attendance difficulties. This is through our multi tiered approach to support.

### PHONE CALLS FROM SCHOOL

Class teachers or Mrs Cadman, Mrs Smith and Mrs Hill may call you or request a meeting with you to talk about your child's attendance and any difficulties you or your child may be facing. These are supportive and we encourage our families to engage with us in this way so that your child can have the best possible attendance.

### **The Importance of School Attendance**

School attendance is not merely a requirement but a fundamental part of education. It plays an important role in shaping academic success, personal growth, and future prospects, making it an essential aspect of any educational system.

- Relationships:** School provides a vital social environment for children to interact with peers, develop friendships, and learn essential social skills. Consistent attendance ensures children remain connected to their peer group.
- Teacher Interaction:** Regular attendance allows for meaningful teacher-child interactions. Teachers can provide personalised support, address questions, and assess individual progress more effectively when children attend regularly.
- Wellbeing:** High levels of school attendance contribute to the overall wellbeing.
- School Engagement:** Children who attend school regularly are more likely to engage in extracurricular activities, sports, and other enriching experiences that contribute to their overall development.
- Academic Achievement:** Regular attendance directly correlates with academic success. Children who attend school consistently are more likely to keep up with the curriculum, perform better in exams, and improve their life outcomes.
- Sticky Knowledge:** School is where children acquire knowledge and skills that are crucial for their personal and professional growth. Missing days means missing out on valuable learning opportunities.
- Preventing Knowledge Gaps:** Frequent absences can lead to significant knowledge gaps, making it challenging for children to catch up with missed lessons, potentially resulting in long-term academic struggles.
- Building Routine:** School attendance establishes a structured routine in children's lives, teaching them time management and responsibility, which are valuable life skills.

### **#MISS SCHOOL #MISS OUT**

Some of the things our children say they would have missed out on if they were absent from school...

• Wow Days	New learning
• Boot camp	Being with friends
• School dinners	Exciting lessons

### **Useful Contacts:**

School Website:

[www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk)

School Email:

[info@wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk)

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## **Wise Up Levels**

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### **Attendance Wise Up Levels**

**GOLD**

Attendance is 97% and above – absent for less than 6 days in the year. Your child is giving themselves the best chance of achieving their full potential at school. They are **Wised Up!**

**SILVER**

Attendance is 95-97% - absent for less than 10 days in the year. Your child is **Wise** regarding attendance and has a good opportunity to achieve at school.

**BRONZE**

Attendance is 93-95% - missing up to 13 days in the year. You and your child **could be wiser**. These absences make it difficult for your child to achieve their best.

**RED**

Attendance is 90 - 93% - missing up to 19 days a year! Your child needs to **Wise Up**. Missing so much time makes it very hard for your child to keep in touch with lessons.

**WISE UP**

Attendance is below 90%! You could be found to be failing in your duty as a parent, regarding your child's attendance. You and your child need to **Wise Up Now**. Missing so much time from school means it will be almost impossible for your child to keep in touch with their lessons.

Thank you for your on-going support regarding promoting good attendance and punctuality – both important life skills that provide a successful future for your children. Good attendance will ensure that your child can reach his/her full potential. To help us in supporting your child to achieve this, your child needs to attend school every day. As always take care

Hannah Smith - (DSL & Attendance Champion) and the Safeguarding Team