



Birley Spa Primary Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

Attendance Newsletter 2

16th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our 2nd attendance newsletter of the school year. We would like to congratulate the 192 children in our academy who have achieved 100% attendance so far this year. Well done! This is fantastic, lets see if we can double this by Christmas.

We would also like to celebrate the fact that both Whirlow and Sheaf have achieved 100% attendance all last week. This will support the children's learning experiences and develop their resilience.

Our overall attendance last week was 94.4%. This is our second highest week for the half term. It would be amazing if we could achieve 96% next week!

If you are experiencing difficulties which are affecting your child's attendance then please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss them.

COVID-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 consist of

- A new and continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A change to or loss of taste and smell

If your child displays these symptoms please keep them at home and book a test for them. You must also ensure that you contact school and inform them.

We ask that you also inform us once you get the results of this test.

If you, or the person who is bringing/collecting the child from school displays symptoms we ask that you do not come to school. This is to ensure we can keep everyone safe and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

If a member of the household tests positive then the household enters isolation and therefore children are not able to come to school. Please notify school of their absence as per normal policy.

Absence through illness

We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them to school or keep them at home. So we have included some guidance below to help you.



RED – Sickness and Diarrhea. 48 hours must have elapsed since last episode before a child can return to school.



GREEN – Cold, sore throat, headache, feeling sick or tired. We will always contact you if your child is ill during the school day.

Please do not suggest an illness to your child, instead ask open ended questions such as 'What Hurt's?', 'How are you feeling?' – rather than 'Do you have a headache or feel sick?'

If your child is too ill to attend school please contact the school office before 9.00am with full details of your child's illness.

Keeping Children Safe in Education

As outlined in Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) September 2020, and in line with Children Missing in Education September 2016, schools have a duty and a responsibility to safeguard all children and account for their whereabouts.

We ask that you notify school on the first day of a child's absence from school and keep us informed throughout their absence of when they are likely to return. If we are not able to make contact with you this may lead to a member of the Safeguarding team conducting a home visit. If we are still unable to make contact with you then this may lead to referrals to other agencies, including Children's Services.

Drop-Off and Pick-up Times

Year Group	Enter	Location	Exit	Location
Nursery	9.00am	Pedestrian Gate	2.45pm	Nursery Door
FS2	9.00am	Pedestrian Gate	3.00pm	FS2 Yard
Y1	8.55am	Pedestrian Gate	2.55pm	Outside the Classroom
Y2	8.40am	Green Pedestrian Gate	2.50pm	Outside the Classroom
Y3	9.00am	Green Pedestrian Gate	3.00pm	Outside the Classroom
Y4	8.45am	The Courts	2.55pm	The Courts
Y5	8.50am	Green Pedestrian Gate	3.00pm	Outside the Classroom
Y6	8.40am	The Courts	2.50pm	The Courts
Shirebrook	9.15am	Main Entrance	2.30pm	Main Entrance

Please remember to maintain social distancing, wear a mask or face covering and leave the premises as soon as your children have been dropped off or collected.

Please follow the one way system and do not gather anywhere on the roadside/pavements to hold conversations with other parents.