



The Leys Primary & Nursery School

Attendance Newsletter

Learning Today ...Leading Tomorrow

Absence

poor attendance + poor punctuality = lower academic achievement

It is a parent's **legal** responsibility to ensure their children receive appropriate education. **Failing to send your child to school regularly without good reason is a criminal offence.**

Whole School Attendance

As a school we aim for **97%** attendance which would bring us in line with the National average. This is a very ambitious target this year as we all attempt to get back to normal after the affects of Covid. We have high hopes that we can get as close to this figure as possible in 2022-2023 though!

So far this year our school has achieved **94.6%** attendance.



We have **236** children who have managed 96% attendance or better so far this term.

These amazing children have achieved 100% attendance this year!

Year 1	Connor B, Jake CT,Iris H, Izzy K Lola M,Albie P,Tanith, Robyn,Lily-Mai Henry, Vida	Year 4	Daniel,Paige,Kobi,Isla Maggie,Lily,Mia,George,Jared,Millie
Year 2	Obrempong,Oscar,Jennifer Uno,Oliver,Odin,Nova,Amaya,Jayden, Ernie,Muna,Mia,Shiv,Harry, Amelia,Isabella,Oakley,Stanley	Year 5	Mya,Emmy,Shaylen,Nancy,Rebecca,Elliot Rebecca,Alexandru,Paris,Leanne Tiara,Tammy,Siji, Holly, Maisy, Perla, Isabella, Maya,Jake, Antonia, Layla.
Year 3	Ruben,Kye-Mayson,Felicity Gracie-May,Frederick Brianna,Charlie,Afia David,Todimu,Kaira,Immie,Elsie Jane	Year 6	Seun,Frimpong,Christina,Delvin,Abigale, Ronnie,Kaitlyn,Ethan,Baylie,Taraji,Joshua Leah,Hollie,Victoria,Daniel,Danny, Samar,Joel,Tyler,Cody

Punctuality

Punctuality is as important as attendance. Learning starts as soon as your child arrives. If your child is late, they will miss out on the start of their day, leaving them feeling out of sorts all day. Regular lateness will lead to them missing out on key learning such as phonics or timetable revision.

If your child is regularly late, you will receive text message reminders from the school. If punctuality does not improve, you will be invited in for a meeting with Mrs Khangura to discuss ways to improve.

Rewards and Incentives

This year we were very excited to announce the launch of our new whole school attendance incentive— Attendance Wheel!. Each week, during assembly, we announce the 3 classes with the most improved attendance in each of the three phases within school.

The winning class receives a certificate as well as the chance to spin the wheel and win a prize! The children are very excited each week to find out who is the winner that week. Please support us with this incentive by ensuring that wherever possible your child attends school everyday. Thank you.



Class rewards include non uniform, purple mash games, no homework, meadow afternoon and lunch outside!

**How does your child compare?
(attendance data can be found at the top of their report)**

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons

90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.

Medical

- Medical appointments should be made outside of school time,
- if this is not possible parents should bring in the appointment letter to the school before the day of the appointment.
 - Parents should bring their child into school as soon as possible following the appointment.
 - Sometimes brothers and sisters are removed from school due to their sibling's medical appointment. This is not appropriate and will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances.
 - If a sibling is removed due to a medical appointment that is not their own, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

HOLIDAYS



Please be aware that the government continues to regard holidays during term time as unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances to consider. Parents who decide to take pupils on holiday during term time may incur a fine. Details of fines are as follows;

- Penalty Notice Issued: £60 per parent per child per day**
- If not paid by 22nd day of receipt: £120 per parent per child per day**
- If not paid by 28th day of receipt: Parents generally prosecuted in court.**

Term dates Summer Term 2023/ Autumn, Spring 2023-2024.

SUMMER TERM	AUTUMN TERM 2023	SPRING TERM 2024
<p>Term: 17 April - 20 July Bank Holiday: 1 May <u>Half term holiday: 29 May 2022 - 2 June 2023</u> Term: 5 June-20 July Inset day: 21 July 2023 <u>Summer holiday: 24 July 2023 - 31 August 2023</u></p> <p><u>Inset Day 2022-2023</u> 1 September 2022 2 September 2022 2 December 2022 5 December (Occasional day) 2022 5 January 2023 21 July 2023</p>	<p>Start of term: 4 September 2023 Inset day: 1 September 2023 Term: 1 September - 19 October 2023 Inset day: 20 October 2023 <u>Half term holiday: 23 October - 27 October 2023</u></p> <p>Occasional day: 8 December 2023 Term: 30 October - 20 December 2023 <u>Christmas holiday: 21 December - 3 January 2024</u></p>	<p>Inset day: 4 January 2024 Term: 5 January - 16 February 2024 <u>Half term holiday: 19 February - 23 February 2024</u> Term : 26 February- 28 March 2024 <u>Easter holiday: 29 March - 12 April 2024</u></p>