

Attendance Matters



To all Parents/Carers,

In the New Year we will be re-starting our action on Attendance that was suspended during the Covid pandemic.

Before that, we want to send you some key messages about attendance:

- **Every child is expected to attend school every day.**
- Research clearly shows that even missing just a few days at school negatively affects children's learning.
- Good attendance will be rewarded and celebrated publicly.
- When pupils' attendance is not regular, they become a concern for school. We will be contacting you when this is the case, to let you know that your child's attendance needs to improve.
- Pupils who are persistently absent will be closely monitored and targets will be set. Parents will be contacted weekly to celebrate improvements or be reminded of targets.
- If attendance does not improve, legal measures including fines will be considered.
- **Lessons start at 8:45am every day.** Being late also affects your child's progress. We will write to you and consider action if your child is regularly late for school.

We want to work with you and support you. Talk to us if there are issues affecting your child's attendance. Together we will work to find a solution.

Our Attendance Policy is on our website and gives full details of how we support and manage attendance.

http://www.northgateprimary.norfolk.sch.uk/images/School_Info/policies/attendance_policy.pdf

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