

Attendance NEWS

Friday 25th November 2022

Going in, NOT missing out...

We are writing to remind all of our families about our school's policy around the importance of being in school every day and on time. Ensuring your child attends school every day is important. The impact upon children's education through lost learning is huge. At a time when so much education has been disrupted over recent years it is vital that we make every minute in school count. You can help your child by making sure that they are in school, on time, every day.



Our Attendance Figures Last Half Term:

Last half term's whole school attendance was: 95.06% 😞

Our Current Attendance is 94.81% 😞

Our school attendance target is +97%

Pandas:95.88% Otters:95.35%

Elephants:93.37% Koalas:95.25%



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

8.50AM!

Punctuality is also highly important. Pupils who arrive late to school are not only losing learning but also disrupting the learning of others as they arrive late for lessons. Pupils do not like being late into school and we witness how upsetting it can be for them. We want to prevent this for all children. Please help us by ensuring that your child is in school by 8.50am at the latest.

Celebrating great attendance at CPA!

At Camblesforth Primary Academy, we recognise that excellent attendance leads to excellent achievement. To promote whole school attendance, every week the class/es who achieve above the government's national average for primary school attendance will be celebrated in assembly and in our school newsletter. We are aiming for every child to achieve at least 97% attendance this year. We can do this!



How can Parents and Carers help school?

We are aware that we cannot improve our attendance figures without your support, and we very much appreciate parents who promote these good habits of punctuality and attendance. It is recognised where children miss chunks of learning or don't have a calm prompt start to the day it significantly impacts on their ability to learn and make progress. Also by getting children into these good routines around attendance it stays with them as they go through the education system and onwards into adult life. It is important to us that we work in partnership with you to ensure your children are in school, on time, every day. **Where families are struggling with this we are always here to support and advise where we can. Please come and speak to us if you are having difficulties getting your child into school.**



Holidays and Absence during term time

Please be aware that absence will not be authorised during term time, except in exceptional circumstances.



My child is ill. What should I do?

As a parent having a child who is unwell can be a stressful time, whether caring for them, looking after siblings, trying to contact the GP or making arrangements with work. It can be tricky deciding if your child is too unwell to be in school, see this link to help you further: [NHS ~ Is my child too ill for school?](#)

We understand that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home. Please see our traffic light reference guide below to support making your decision.

Green - Come to school
Coughs, colds, tiredness, sore throats
We will always phone you if their symptoms worsen

Amber - Seek advice
Headaches, stomach aches
Children can sometimes feel unwell for a variety of reasons: call for advice.

Red - Stay at home
Sickness & Diarrhoea
48hrs must have elapsed from children's last episode before returning to school.

WHY EVERY DAY COUNTS
Success at school starts with attendance
There are 175 non school days a year – that's 175 days to spend on family time, appointments, holidays, shopping and everything else.

Attendance	100%	96%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Days at school	181	171	161	152	143	133
Days missed	0	4	14	23	32	42
Learning lost	0 days	9 days	19 days	29 days	38 days	47 days
Success chance	100%	96%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Category	Good	Worrying	Worrying	Worrying	Serious Concern	Serious Concern
Impact	Best chance of success and gets your child off to a flying start!	Less chance of success and makes it harder to make progress.	Less chance of success and makes it harder to make progress.	Less chance of success and makes it harder to make progress.	It's just not fair on your child – and could lead to court action.	It's just not fair on your child – and could lead to court action.

Please help us to help you by reporting your child's absence no later than 9.00am.
Our answerphone is on at all times so ring 01757 616374 to let us know the reason.

If your child is absent and we do not hear from you we have a duty of care to contact each emergency contact until we can establish your child is safe and the reason for their absence. If we are still unable to gain contact we must send a ParentHub message/ text to the primary contact. If by 10am we still have not made contact we are then legally required to make a home visit which will mean two members of the school staff will have to visit the family home. This is obviously an added pressure on Parents and our school staff, all of which could be avoided by notifying school using one of the methods above. If your child is absent for more than one day we are required to have a daily update so please let school know if your child is not returning on any subsequent days.

Medical Appointments

We request that, where possible, routine medical and dentist appointments are arranged outside school hours. We do understand that some appointments, such as hospital consultations, are not always possible to arrange outside of school hours. However if your appointment time allows your child to come to school for registration and then leave, this will have a positive impact on their attendance figure. Likewise if they are able to be back in school for afternoon registration by 13:00 this will have a positive effect. **Thank you for your support.**