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Together Succeeding*

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Attendance Newsletter November 2019

Welcome to our first Attendance Newsletter. As you know, everybody at Barrington is committed to ensuring that each of our children gets the best possible start to life. One way we can do this is through ensuring regular school attendance. Evidence shows that children who attend school regularly are more successful, not only in school, but in all areas of life. We hope that you will continue to support us in improving our school attendance by making sure the children are here every day and learning.

Did You Know....? For every day of school missed by a pupil it will reduce their attendance by 0.5%. Ten whole days of school has been missed if your child has 95% attendance. Twenty whole days of school has been missed if a pupil's attendance is 90%. By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance) they have missed 6 weeks or half a term of schooling.

**What does good attendance mean?
Being in school for at least 96% of the
time or 180 to 190 days**

Days Absent By End of Year	Equal to Absence Percentage	Overall Attendance Percentage by the End of Year
1	0.5%	99.5%
5	2.5%	97.5%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%

Should you wish to discuss your child's attendance at any time, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Davies (head@barrington.cambs.sch.uk).

Term Time Holidays

It is the policy in Cambridgeshire not to authorise term time holidays. Your children only attend school for 190 days out of 365. This leaves 175 days for holidays. Please book your holidays during these 175 days of school holidays. If you do take your child on holiday during term time without authorisation, then you will be at risk of receiving a Fixed Term Penalty Notice.

Lateness

Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over the year. The start of the school day is an important time for children to develop their social skills with their peers, as well as preparing them for their learning. All classes have early morning work for the children from 8.45 and we start teaching at 8.55am. Children who are late miss out on opportunities to consolidate vital skills such as spelling, reading, phonics and/or basic number work.

Attendance		Action
100%	Good attendance	Your child has the best chance of success
96%-99%	Expected	Your child has the best chance of success
90.1% -95.9%	Poor attendance – less chance of success School is worried	Meeting with the Class teacher and/or head to discuss concerns / issues / barriers that may be affecting or preventing good attendance
		Letter of concern sent home
		Second letter of concern sent home if there is no improvement
		If no improvement is made a letter to arrange a further meeting with a member of the support team to set up a parenting contract with clear targets for improvement will be sent (reviewed after 4 weeks)
		Once attendance falls below 95% you may be required to provide proof of absence if related to medical appointments or illness Without such evidence absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised'
80.1% to 90%	Poor attendance – less chance of success School is worried	Attendance interview with Headteacher and Education Welfare Officer
80% and below	Very poor attendance – serious impact on education and reduces life chances	If everything else fails, the school will make a referral to Local Authority for a Police and Criminal Evidence interview (PACE)
		School and Local Authority are very concerned

Illness

We know that illness is unavoidable and to be expected. However it is very important to inform the school on the first day of absence with the reason either by phone (01223 712273), by email (office@barrington.cambs.sch.uk) or in person at the school office. As parents ourselves, we are also aware that it can be difficult to judge whether a child is well enough for school first thing in the morning. Please rest assured that if you send them in and, later in the day they are not well enough to stay in school, then we will ring you. If you have kept them at home and later in the morning it appears that they are well enough to be in school, please do bring them in – it is better to miss part of a day than a whole one.

Class Attendance (Sept and Oct)

1st - Blue Class - 98.4%

2nd – Red Class - 97.9%

3rd- Orange Class – 97.1%

4th - Violet Class – 94.6%

Whole school attendance –
96.9%