

A is for ATTENDANCE

Going to school - Why it's so important!

Lots of people think that missing the odd day at school here and there can't do much harm. But even taking a short amount of time can be a problem. Your child might fall behind in their work and not be able to catch up. If there are gaps in their knowledge they will suffer when school assessment time comes around. There could be other problems too; children who miss school are missing out on the social side of things which affects their ability to make and keep friends and it can impact their confidence to attempt new work and work alongside others.



The importance of Punctuality at Fairmeadows is crucial to ensuring that your child's day at school starts smoothly and that they are in the right mindset to start learning and working hard. The classroom doors open at 8.20am and school starts at 8.30am. Late arrival is between 8.40am and 8.50am. Arrival after 8.50am is recorded as unauthorised and will adversely affect your child's attendance record and achievement levels as well as impacting on the school's overall attendance figure. Please support your child to develop lifelong habits of good attendance and punctuality in order to allow them to achieve their full potential.



Medical Appointments:

We request that, where possible, routine medical and dentist appointments are arranged outside school hours as these appointments will affect your child's percentage attendance. 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

Reporting an absence:

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.25am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms.

If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school. If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Pack your child's bag or lunch box the night before!

Small changes can help everyone to be ready to leave home in good time, arrive at school punctually and be ready for the day ahead.

