



What we do today, matters tomorrow.

September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

At Stokes Wood we are committed to raising attendance levels, in order to ensure that every pupil achieves their full potential. Research shows that there is a direct relationship between attendance and achievement. It is a parent/carer's legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school, each day.

At Stokes Wood, our attendance target is 96% for the academic year.

We raise the profile of attendance at Stokes Wood Primary School and work with families to make sure our children get the most from their education, promoting good attendance and punctuality in different ways including:



- Class attendance racetrack - The classes in KS1 and KS2 that win the best weekly attendance, the most times, by the end of the term, will win a £30 reward (to spend any way they want).
- Weekly trophy for the class with the best attendance.
- Children who have 100% weekly attendance will be entered into an end of term draw for a £50 voucher each time they are present for a whole week. So, if your child attends all week x 10 weeks, your child will be entered 10 times!
- Improved attendance over a period of time with stickers and certificates.
- 100% certificates at the end of each term.

What can parents do to support with attendance?

- Phone school on your child's first day of absence and only allow days off for genuine illness.
- Ensure your child attends on time and every day.
- Where possible, try to arrange medical appointments out of school time. Always ensure your child attends school immediately before and after medical appointments that are unavoidable.
- Avoid leave of absent requests during term time.
- Know your child's attendance figure and talk to them about it.
- Encourage your child to contribute towards class attendance incentives.
- Talk to the school very early on if you have any problems in relation to your child's attendance or if any issues arise.
- Praise and reward your child's good attendance!

Let School Help!

Children can get worried about going to school. They may say they feel unwell. You may notice a pattern or find they are worried about a particular lesson, homework, friends or bullying. Children need to know that school staff will always help to resolve any problems they encounter. It is better to inform the school early so that it can be dealt with quickly. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, please speak to the Pastoral Team.

Kind Regards,

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