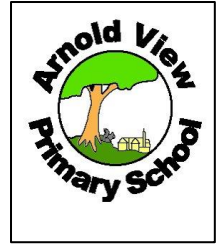


Arnold View Primary School



It soon adds up!

Below 90% (19 or more school days missed)	Attendance is a serious concern and falls into the persistent absence category
90.1% – 95.9% (Between 8 and 18 school days missed)	Attendance is below our school target
96% - 100% (Between 0 and 7 school days missed)	Your child's attendance is meeting our school target

Attendance Matters!

Making the most of every minute

What are the times of an Arnold View school day?

Our gates open at 8.45am to allow children to be at their classroom doors for 8.50am.

The school day starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.30pm

Why do I need to get my child to school on time?

When children are late they –

- Miss out on important 'settling in' time with their class.
- Miss out on important first activities such as phonics sessions.
- Disrupt important teaching & learning for the other children.
- Miss important whole school activities such as assemblies.
- Often feel uncomfortable and upset

Being on time is a good 'life skill' for children to learn.

What if I am having difficulty getting my child to school?

If you are facing barriers getting your child to school please chat with a member of staff here. It often helps to share a problem, and we can work together to find solutions. You may want to talk to –

- Your child's class teacher
- Mrs Otterburn (Head Teacher)
- Mr Jarvis (Deputy Head Teacher)
- Miss Johnston (SenCo)

We all want to do our best to work with you to resolve any problems.

Where parents and carers do not support their child's regular attendance and punctuality you may be asked to attend a meeting with our Head Teacher to discuss.

What can I do to get my child to school on time?

Talk to your child about the importance of being on time. Being punctual is a good life skill for children to learn ready for adulthood. Just a few minutes late can make all the difference to how your child settles into their day.

Set a routine and use an alarm clock Doing the same things each day will make it easier for you and your child to be organised. An alarm clock will help your child to get up on time.

Be prepared Get into good habits by encouraging your child to get their school bag ready the night before.

Reward your child If things are going well stickers, special treats or activities can work well.

Leave enough travel time. Consider the amount of traffic you will encounter on your way to school and leave enough time to find a safe parking space.

Illness & Absence

If your child has a minor illness such as a cold, they are still able to attend school. We find that in most cases children are so busy in school that they tend to forget about minor illnesses very quickly.

We ask that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they do not attend school for 48 hours.

Reporting an Absence

To report an absence please call the school on the first day of absence on 0115 9560967 and leave a message on our absence line. Please leave your child's name, class, their illness and an expected return date.

We ask that medical appointments are booked outside of school hours but do understand that this can sometimes be unavoidable.

If your child has an appointment during school hours you need to let office staff know in advance.

We ask to see a copy of the confirmed appointment (medical letter / text message etc) and ask that your child attends school before and after the appointment.

