



Welton Primary School

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Attendance Matters

Dear Parents and Families,

As the new academic year is now in full swing, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your support with ensuring your child is at school on time. Good attendance and punctuality is so important. The Department of Education believes that regular attendance should be a key focus for all our schools.

We understand that there can be challenges to ensuring your child attends school regularly. However, consistent school attendance is incredibly beneficial for your child's wellbeing and development. Being in school helps children build strong friendships, enjoy social interactions, and engage in a wide range of learning experiences that are crucial for their mental and emotional health.

Our attendance aspiration is 100% for this academic year but we recognise that there may be occasions when your child is absent from school. We kindly ask for your support in helping us achieve this goal, as we believe that your child's education and overall development will greatly benefit from consistent attendance.

The advantages of good attendance are numerous:

- **Improved Academic Performance:** Regular attendance helps children stay up-to-date with their lessons and reduces the likelihood of falling behind.
- **Social Development:** Consistent attendance allows children to form and maintain friendships, enhancing their social skills and sense of belonging.
- **Routine and Structure:** Attending school regularly helps children develop a sense of routine and structure, which is beneficial for their overall development.
- **Increased Opportunities:** Students who attend school regularly are more likely to participate in extracurricular activities and special events, enriching their school experience.
- **Better Mental Health:** Being part of the school community can boost children's confidence and self-esteem, contributing to better mental health.

At Welton, our school gates open at 8.30am with school doors opening at 8.40am (apart from nursery/reception) when children will enter the classrooms and start their morning tasks. The morning register is taken at 8.55am. after which your child will be classed as 'late'. Don't forget, we have a fantastic breakfast club from 7.45am, details on our school website:

<https://www.weltonprimaryschool.co.uk/our-school/breakfast-club.htm> . We will be reporting class attendance each week in our newsletters so do look to see how your child's class is doing.

With thanks for your continued support with good attendance,

A blue ink handwritten signature that appears to read 'J Snell'.

Mr J Snell
Executive Headteacher