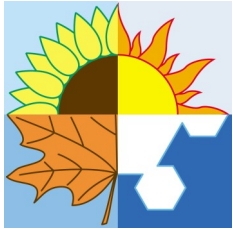


## What about the weather?

- The weather can not be an excuse
- Snowy days are still school days
- England is known for lots of different weather, please be prepared for it



## Who can your child speak to if there are problems which affect their attendance?

- The Pastoral Care team
- The school SENCO
- Their Class Teacher
- The Headteacher
- Phase leaders



## AND FINALLY.....

Here is James.



He has 90% attendance. Sounds good doesn't it? But is it.....?

**90% ATTENDANCE = ½ DAY MISSED EVERY WEEK!**

**1 school year at 90% = 4 WHOLE WEEKS OF LESSONS MISSED!**

James' learning and achievement will be severely affected.



**HIGH ATTENDERS ARE GOOD ATTAINERS!**

**We want all our children to realise their potential, and this is made possible by working together and ensuring they are in school on time!**

*From Great to Amazing*



# SUFFOLKS PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Regular School Attendance

**Why it is important**



Respect  
Friendship  
Excellence  
Responsibility



September 2021

## Parents are responsible for their children attending school !

Until our children are old enough to walk to school on their own, parents are responsible and must ensure they attend regularly and on time.

The law requires that children have at least 95% attendance. This allows for the usual childhood illnesses.

We are aware that some of our parents have to travel further than others, whilst we appreciate this it is however your responsibility to get your child to school no matter where you live.

Do not forget as soon as you enter the school gates on Brick Lane there is still a 2 to 3 minute walk to get to the main school gate and then your child must reach their class before 8.55am



## What happens when your child is not in school regularly?

- They fall behind with class work.
- Their friendship groups may suffer.
- The more time they miss the more reluctant they will be to attend.
- They may feel left out of discussions.
- The Local Authority may become involved.



## Simple steps to help your child be organised so that mornings are less stressful!

- Pack school bags the night before
- Make sure uniform and shoes are all ready before bed.
- If your child has a packed lunch, prepare it in the evening.
- Set your alarm so you have plenty of time and do not have to rush.
- Ensure that any homework is complete after school so that there isn't a panic in the morning.



## What if your child is ill?

- Being ill may prevent your child from going to school, but if they can get out of bed and play, or watch television they should be at school.
- A "Runny nose" "Headache" or just "feeling unwell" are not reasons to keep your child at home
- Feeling tired is not an illness, they just need to go to bed earlier!
- If your child recovers from an illness before the end of the week, send them into school, even if its only for a day!



## Holidays

- The government directs that schools are not allowed to authorise any time off school for holidays.
- You will be issued with a Penalty Warning Letter and may be issued with a fine of £60 per parent per children.
- We understand that on occasion emergencies happen. If this is the case please write a letter to the Headteacher explaining the circumstances and they will judge each case individually.



## Why is punctuality important?

- Your child will be calm and ready to begin learning on time.
- They will avoid getting an unauthorised late mark which will affect their overall attendance.
- They will not feel embarrassed or worried by having to walk into class late.
- Attending Breakfast Club will help them to be in on time - it is open from 8am to 8.45am.
- Parents that choose to send their children to Suffolks School are subject to the legal framework in particular the Education Act of 1996, section 7

