

Support

We pride ourselves in being a supportive school with a listening ear. Please come and talk to us if there is anything affecting you, your child or your family.

We have access to a range of support within Newcastle to support with the following:

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Housing
- Debt Management
- Safeguarding and child protection
- Mental Health
- Physical Health
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Family problems



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Attendance Information for Parents / Carers of Reception Children

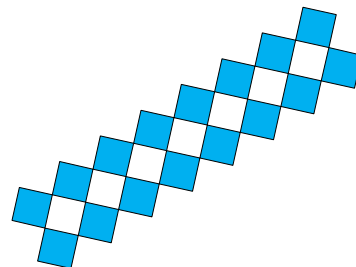


Welcome to Lemington Riverside Reception Class

It is well known that a child who attends school regularly is more likely to perform better, is more likely to establish good friendships and is more likely to fulfil their true potential.

Good habits
start from an
early age !

That's why we expect all
of our Reception chil-
dren to meet the same
attendance targets as
the rest of the children
in our school.



Rewards for good / excellent attendance?

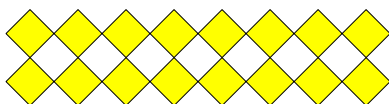
- Every Reception child who attends 100% each week will celebrate in style at the Head Teacher's tea party .
- Every child who achieves Green or Gold (97-100%) attendance levels each half term will receive a special postcard of recognition. Their names will also be entered into a prize draw.
- Each week the class with the best attendance will have the pick of Mrs Hall's sweet bucket!
- Children who achieve Green or Gold attendance for a half term will be invited to a celebration event at the beginning of the new term. They will also have their postcards entered into a prize draw. There will be a lucky winner drawn from Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.
- The best reward a child can gain by attending well is the positive impact that their education (academic, social and emotional) has on their future aspirations and achievements.

It is important to form good patterns from an early age.



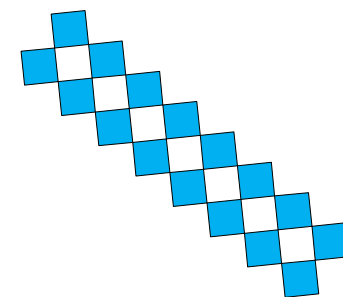
What happens if my child does not have good attendance in Reception?

- Your child misses valuable learning opportunities.
- Your child misses out on fun activities and social aspects of school life.
- Your child is less likely to reach their developmental milestones.
- Your child's teacher will not be able to make an accurate assessment of their learning needs. This could mean that vital opportunities for providing your child with additional support (if needed) are missed.
- Your child may find it more difficult to maintain friendships and so could feel socially isolated. This impacts on their future.
- Your child's name is placed on a list provided to the Local Authority as being at risk of having poor attendance in forthcoming years.
- Most children who truant from school as teenagers or who become "school refusers" have had a history of poor attendance during their early education.



ATTENDANCE ZONES

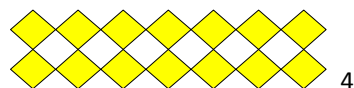
100% & 99%	GOLD
98% & 97%	GREEN
96% DOWN TO 92%	AMBER
BELOW 92%	RED



- All of our pupils' attendance is colour-coded based on the number of days that they attend which is then converted into a percentage (as above)
- We expect all of our children to be able to achieve Green or Gold attendance levels.
- We will let you know if we become concerned about your child's attendance. This will be done either by telephone, discussion with the teacher, a letter or a home visit from our School Welfare Officer.
- If your child's attendance falls below 97% we would like to support you to improve it.

What do we expect from you?

- Please ensure that your child does not miss unnecessary time from school for low level illness (e.g. coughs/colds) or headlice.
- If your child is absent please contact school by 9.15am to provide a reason for absence and an expected date of re-turn.
- Please ensure your child arrives on time for school (8.55am)
- Try to arrange medical appointments for outside of school time.
- You may be asked to provide medical evidence if your child's attendance is regularly affected by illness or if they are absent for more than 3 days in a row.
- Arrange holidays during the allocated school holiday periods.
- Let us know if there is anything affecting your child's attendance. This includes issues that may not be related to illness. We can support you.
- Please encourage your child to form positive views about their education. They learn from you! A child who feels positive about school is more likely to want to attend every day.



What can you expect from us?

- We will talk to you if we are concerned about your child's attendance and/or punctuality.
- If we do not hear from you regarding an absence we will attempt to contact you by phone.
- We can offer 1-1 or group support for your child if there are specific issues affecting attendance e.g. friendship/confidence/social difficulties.
- We can offer family / parenting support if there are any difficulties at home affecting attendance.
- Our School Welfare Officer will visit you at home (unplanned) for any of the reasons below and will discuss any support that could be offered:
 - a) Your child's attendance falls below 97% - It does not take many absences for a child's attendance to fall below 97%, especially at the start of the school year
 - b) Your child is continually absent for 3 days or longer without an acceptable reason
 - c) You fail to provide a reason for absence
- We have a duty to report repeated poor attendance to the Local Authority who may decide to take legal action against any parent whose child is of statutory school age and who fails to achieve expected attendance levels without sufficient supporting evidence.

