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School Attendance

Dear Parents/Carers,

Regular school attendance is essential for academic progress, personal, social and emotional well-being and development. It is extremely important that good habits, such as regular attendance and punctuality, are established from the moment your child begins school.

In the EYFS at Rushmere, good, regular attendance and punctuality is vitally important, to ensure your child participates fully in all their learning opportunities. In our Reception classes, each day begins at 8.55am with a whole class phonics session lead by the class teacher. The children also have additional maths and topic teaching times throughout the day and are able to further develop their understanding, using their learning through planned purposeful activities both inside and outside the classroom environment.

We appreciate that children are unwell from time to time and that there are exceptional circumstances, but we ask that you think carefully about keeping your child out of school. National research has shown that there is a strong connection between attendance and achievement and absence is proven to have a significant impact upon a child's educational development.

Although, there is no legal requirement for a child to regularly attend school before their fifth birthday; getting into good habits early will greatly benefit your child and give them a really solid foundation from which to build upon.

We look forward to your support in encouraging regular attendance and getting your child to school on time. Our Early Years Staff are happy to work with you, giving your child the best start on their journey through school.

Kind regards,

Mrs S Hills
EYFS Phase Leader