

Attendance Matters at Sissinghurst School

SPRING NEWSLETTER

We are proud of the progress made in attendance this year and appreciate the continued support of parents, carers, and pupils. At the end of the Autumn term 2024, our school attendance was **95.22%** (above the national average of 94.5%). We continue to monitor attendance weekly and follow up with any pupils falling below **96%**.

Support for Families

To help families with punctuality and childcare, we offer:

- **Morning Club from 7:45 AM**
- **After School Club until 6:00 PM**



Please ensure your child arrives on time each day to maximise their learning opportunities. School gates are open between 8.40AM - 8.55AM. Pupils who arrive after 9:00 AM will be marked as late (code L). After 9:15 AM, they will be marked as absent (code U), which counts as an unauthorised absence.

Term-Time Holidays

Holidays during term time **are not authorised**. If a child is taken out of school for a holiday, the absence will be recorded as **unauthorised**, and the Local Authority may issue a fine. The school does not provide work for children absent due to holidays. Please take a moment to review our [Attendance Policy](#) for full details.

Why Regular Attendance Matters

Missing even a small amount of school has a big impact:

- One day off per month = 10% of the school year lost!**
- Regular attendance leads to better academic outcomes and stronger social skills.**
- Lessons build on each other daily, making it harder to catch up after an absence.**

Medical Appointments

Whenever possible, please schedule **routine medical and dental appointments outside school hours**. If unavoidable, children should attend school before or after the appointment to minimise lost learning time. Afternoon registration is at **1pm**, so returning before this time helps maintain attendance.

Persistent Absence & Attendance Letters

Each month, we review attendance and contact families of pupils whose attendance falls below **90% (Persistent Absence)**. Our goal is to support families in improving attendance so that every child can achieve their full potential. If you need any advice or support, please speak to your child's class teacher, the **Family Liaison Officer (FLO)**, or the **Deputy Headteacher**.

Thank You for Your Support!

We truly appreciate your efforts in prioritising attendance and ensuring every child thrives. If you have any concerns or need guidance, please reach out to us.

Together, let's make every school day count!