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Dear Parents/Carers

Regular attendance is incredibly important, particularly in an infant school where children are building the essential foundations for reading, writing, maths, communication, friendships and positive learning habits.

The Department for Education expects schools to promote a strong culture of attendance and to work in partnership with families so that children are in school regularly, ready to learn and able to achieve their potential. National DfE research also shows a clear association between good attendance and stronger academic outcomes: pupils who attend school more regularly, on average, achieve better than similar pupils with lower attendance. Our own school data reflects this national picture: children with high levels of attendance achieve more strongly than their peers with lower attendance.

Every day in school gives children opportunities to learn, practise important skills, develop friendships and take part in the wider life of our school; when days are missed, children can miss important steps in their learning that can be difficult to catch up. We therefore work hard to make attendance something positive to celebrate. Children can earn individual House Points for good attendance, each week our Attendance Elephant is awarded to the class with the best attendance, classes can receive a special class reward for achieving 100% attendance, and children who achieve 100% attendance across the whole academic year receive a special 100% Attendance badge. Alongside these celebrations, we recognise that families can sometimes face genuine barriers to attendance, and we encourage parents and carers to speak to us early so that we can work together to provide appropriate support. *Our aim is always the same as yours: for every child to be happy, included, learning and able to achieve their very best.*

A reminder that school doors open at 8.45am with children lining up in the playground at this time to start their day. The doors will remain open until 8.55am. After this point, children will need to enter through the main School Office. If after 9.10am, your child will be marked as unauthorised for the morning registration mark which will have an impact on their attendance for the year.

Further information regarding attendance can be found by clicking on the below link;

<https://www.summerhillinfantschool.co.uk/statutory-information/attendance/>





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There will be occasions when your child is unable to attend school i.e. illness, medical appointments and explained circumstances. We kindly ask that you contact the main School Office either on 0117 9030243 or via Summerhill.i@bristol-schools.uk to explain the reason for your child's absence. Below are two helpful links relating to 'Should I keep my child off School'.

[NHS website for England - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

[Should I keep my child off school checklist poster \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](http://publishing.service.gov.uk)

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kindest Regards

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