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Attendance Newsletter September 2022

We all know why school attendance is important for our children, but I wanted to share some facts and figures from last year's attendance, this applies to children of statutory school age only.



- **In total children were 3253 minutes late for school, that's more than 54 hours late, that's more than 9 whole school days!! The average late mark is 28 minutes late. In total there were 187 late marks recorded from a total of 191 children.** Now don't get me wrong, we all run late sometimes, I'm sure we've all had situations where you miss the bus, can't find the car keys, the baby needs a nappy change as you leave the house etc., but to lose the equivalent to 9 school days in lateness alone seems incredible and I know we can improve that.



- **More than 1773 school days were lost due to ill health being reported. That's 3546 playtimes / lunchtimes missed at a time when children need their social time and that's approximately 8865 lessons lost.** We know that children get ill and are also aware that some illnesses EG Covid or the sickness bug require you to keep your child at home for a certain amount of time however I would ask that if your child is complaining of a low-level illness such as a runny nose, sore throat, tummy ache or headache that you encourage your child to 'try being at school'. Sometimes the distraction of school makes them feel better but if we think your child is too unwell to be at school, we will contact you as we don't want poorly children at school either.





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- **In total more than 78 school days were lost due to medical appointments.** Did you know that for routine doctors, dentists and hospital appointments, you can request these appointments are for out of school hours? In my own experience the medical profession are very accommodating to this.



- **Finally, unauthorised absence!! More than 537 school days were lost for this reason last year (not including holidays). On average that's 2685 lessons and 1074 playtimes / lunchtimes.** A big percentage of unauthorised absences are due to us not being informed of a reason for absence, please help us by calling or emailing the office as soon as you know your child won't be in school.

If you would like to speak to me about your child's attendance or have any suggestions on things we can offer, linked to attendance, then please email me on swarnes@corvuseducation.com

- Look out for details coming soon of the first Attendance Coffee Morning! This won't be a nagging session, more a chance for you to tell us what we can do better.



Thank you,

Sonja Warnes.

