



## Every School Day Counts



### Rewarding Achievement



How do we celebrate good attendance?

We have a whole class attendance count at the end of each week during assembly. The class with the highest attendance receives a trophy for the week and get to choose their reward. The reward could be extra play.

Every child with 100% attendance at the end of each term receives a certificate.

### Working with the Education Social Work Service

If a pattern of persistent poor attendance is developing and the reasons for absence are not justified, your child is referred to our school's Education Social Workers.

Their role is to:

- Offer support and help to parents to ensure their child comes to school regularly
- Monitor persistently absent pupils
- When necessary, take action through the courts.
- Encourage good attendance

The Education Social Work Service can be contacted by telephone from 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. (4.30 p.m. Fridays). The Education Welfare Officer for Priestthorpe Primary School is [Mohammed Shamrez](#).

Tel: 01274 385777 Mob: 07582 109952

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or the information in this leaflet, please do not hesitate to contact the child's class teacher or head teacher on 01274 564879.

Our Learning Mentor Mrs Keighley and Parental Involvement Worker Ms Nutch are also available to support you and your child.

## Every School Day Counts At

### Priestthorpe Primary School

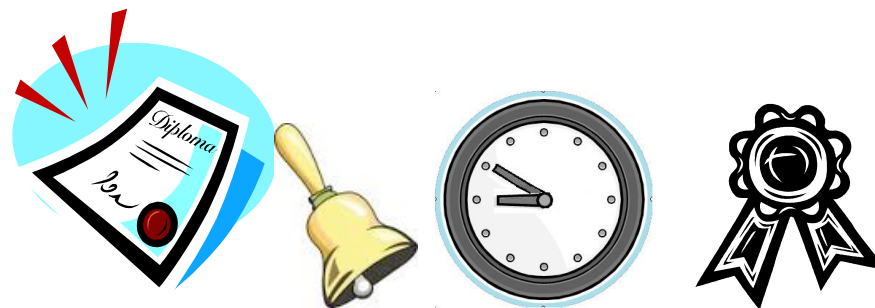


### Raising Attendance and Achievement

*Aspire, Believe, Achieve*

96%

School attendance target is:



## Every Day at Priestthorpe Primary School Counts

At Priestthorpe Primary School our aim is to raise the attainment of our pupils. We believe that one of the ways to achieve this is by regular school attendance.



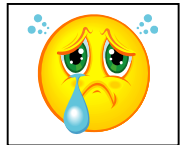
### Why is good attendance important?

Children who come to school regularly are more likely to:

- Achieve good standards of work
- Get on well with other children and have good friends
- Continue to do well when they transfer to Secondary School
- Develop positive attitudes to work which will help them later on in life whatever their choice of career may be in adult life.

Children who are frequently absent are more likely to:

- Fall behind in their work
- Find it difficult to make and keep friends
- Be unhappy in school
- Have a poor attitude to work
- Get involved in anti-social behaviour.



**Of course some absences are unavoidable.** If a child is genuinely ill he/she needs to stay away from school. Please telephone the school on the first day your child is unable to attend (01274 564879).

### What can YOU do to encourage good attendance?

- Ensure children attend school everyday and **arrive on time at 8.40 a.m.**
- Take family holidays during the school holidays.
- Make medical and dental appointments before or after school.
- Inform the school of any absence by telephoning on the first day your child cannot attend school or send a letter to school.
- Contact us immediately if there are any problems that you feel may affect your child's school attendance.
- If you feel your child has a problem in school that may be affecting their attendance, please contact us as soon as possible and we will do what we can to help.
- It is your duty, and a legal requirement, to ensure that your child comes to school everyday.

## Follow up by School

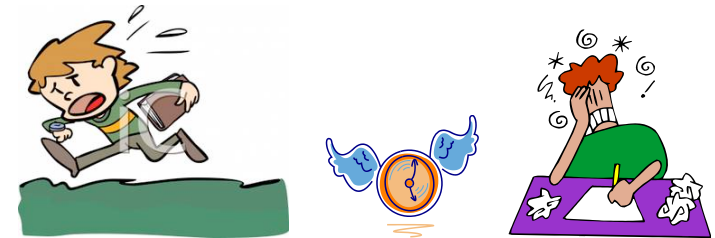
If a child's attendance or lateness is a concern, school will contact parents to discuss ways to improve attendance and lateness.



### Every Minute Counts

Attending school every day is important. Ensuring your child is not late for school is also important.

- Children should arrive in the playground at **8.35 a.m.** The bell goes at **8.40 a.m** in time for registration by **8.50 a.m.** Lessons start as soon as the children enter the classroom.
- If your child arrives after the register has been taken they will be marked 'Late'. If a child is regularly late or arrives very late we will be asking the question why they continue to arrive late for registration.
- A parent or carer **must** deliver their child/children to the office to explain why they are late.
- Children who regularly arrive late miss important parts of the curriculum and daily teaching objectives.



### Do not take holidays when school is open.

The Head Teacher will not authorise holidays in term time and this may result in a referral to an Education Social Worker.

Taking children out of school for family holidays in term time will mean that they miss important targets, work and assessment. They will also be marked down as unauthorised absence. Please be aware that the parents of children who take more than 5 days unauthorised holiday could be issued with a fixed penalty notice.