

# Elmtree Infant and Nursery School

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*Together we reach for the stars*



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Dear Elmtree families,

## Attendance

As a school we are working hard to improve our daily attendance, the government have sent clear guidance to schools that the expected attendance should be at 96%.

As a school our current Autumn term attendance is 92%, so we have a little way to go 'yet'.

Reception	Year One	Year Two
91%	93%	91%

We know young children are still developing immune systems and after two years of lockdowns, isolations and continued coronavirus it is inevitable that children will need time off when they are ill.

## Punctuality

The school classroom doors open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. When children arrive after 8.55am they are recorded as late. The class registers have to be completed promptly for a variety of safeguarding reasons. The expectation is that children arrive on time ready for their learning.

Between January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 27<sup>th</sup> 2022, we have a record of 18 late marks, with a combined total of over 7 hours of missed school learning.

Reception	Year One	Year Two
8 late marks	7 late marks	5 late marks

## What are we going to do?

We monitor attendance and punctuality regularly, this helps identify any patterns or concerns. We celebrate attendance at 100% through the child's Tapestry account. We contact families with attendance below the expected standard to share their child's attendance and offer support, if needed. Similarly, with punctuality we contact

families to highlight patterns of lateness or increased lateness and offer support if it is needed.

The staff are trying to make every effort to ensure that the lost teaching opportunities throughout the pandemic are caught up on. Children deserve the coverage of a fully engaging curriculum. We want the Elmtree pupils to have the best starts in their formal education. This has prompted a slight change to our daily in school practice. From Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January the first in class lesson will start at 9am. Our assembly will take place at 1.05pm in order to get maximum curriculum time in the morning.

### **How can you help us?**

Children sadly do get ill, please follow the school guidance on sickness and illness, <https://www.elmtreeschoolandnursery.co.uk/attendance/>

Children need to come to school when they are well and children need to be in their classes between 8.45am and 8.55am.

We have great links with Buckinghamshire Family Support services, <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/> if you require any additional support or guidance.

We are aware that the travel between different schools can be a challenge and that there can be traffic disruptions. Please support us to ensure we are giving your children the very best start to their life long learning journey.

Yours sincerely



Mrs. Whitehill  
**Headteacher**