

Promoting Good Attendance at Angel Road

Following some correspondence from some mums, dads and carers the School Oversight Team are keen to hear your views on how the schools promote good attendance.

We strongly believe that it is important for all children to attend regularly at school to help give them the best education but also to instil the habit that we go to school or work unless we are really not well enough to manage the day.

How we currently promote good attendance

Each week in assembly there is an award to the class with the best attendance. This is recorded on a display in the school through the term.

At the end of each term we present children who have a 100% record for the term with an award.

We also read out the names of the children with over 98% attendance for term.

On the final day of the school year we present certificates to the children who have a 100% attendance record for the whole year. If there are any children who have maintained a 100% record throughout their time at the school we present them with a special prize.

In all the assemblies we talk about the importance of attendance but also emphasise that those children who have attended 100% have enjoyed an element of good fortune with their good health. We recognise that if you are not well enough to come into school then you must stay at home and that sometimes, this cannot be avoided.

Half termly we send home the children's attendance record, colour coded green, amber and red to reflect their attendance record at that point.

We also call families if they have not contacted the school so that we know the reason why their child is not in school and to check that they are safe.

We do not authorise any requests for leave during term time unless there are exceptional reasons.

How we support and challenge poor attendance

If we are concerned about the amount of time a child is missing school we contact the family to see if there are any other problems. We will continue to call some families even if we have been given a reason for an absence to make sure that the child returns to school as soon as possible.

Where the concerns continue we will invite families into school for a meeting to agree how to improve the child's attendance. These meetings are recorded and progress is reviewed within six weeks.

If a child is missing school for reasons that cannot be authorised then we will instigate 'fast track' procedures. This involves setting targets for improvement for a short period of time. If these targets are not met we submit the case to the Local Authority for court proceedings. The court will review if there has been any improvement and can issue a fine and, in extreme situations, a custodial sentence.

We submit all holidays that mean a child misses five days or more to the Local Authority. This leads to a fixed penalty notice of £60 per child per adult in the household and anyone else not living with the child with parental responsibility.

Your views

This is a contentious area and we do not have control over all aspects. However, we can choose how we promote good attendance. We would be interested in the views of Mums, Dads and Carers to inform a review of our approaches.

Please record your views on the reverse of this sheet or send an email to:

Office@angelroadjunior.norfolk.sch.uk OR office@angelroadinfant.norfolk.sch.uk

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Optional

Name:

Name of child:

Class: