



Fierté Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Edge Hill Academy, excellent attendance and punctuality are the aim for every pupil. Full attendance maximises learning opportunities and parents/carers have a vital role in promoting good attitudes to attendance. We ask for support from you to ensure your child is punctual and present at every opportunity; avoid allowing them to stay at home unnecessarily or take them out of school without authorisation.

Evidence shows that pupils who attend school regularly make better progress both academically and socially. At Edge Hill, our attendance aim for all pupils is 100% with 96% being the minimum that we expect. It has never been more important for pupils to attend school every day as covid has had such an impact on their learning.

Following guidance from the Local Authority, it is our school and trust's expectation that all pupils have an attendance percentage of above 96%. Absences that occur due to a medical reason will only be authorised once appropriate medical evidence has been provided.

Under section 7 of the Education Act 1996, the parent(s) of every child of compulsory school age is responsible for making sure that they receive a suitable education. The definition of a parent (or parents) is the adult (or adults) who have (has) a significant input to a child's life and who is known to have responsibility for that child. The Local Authority has the responsibility for pursuing statutory action against parents for failing to ensure their child receives a suitable education.

As a school, we expect the following from our pupils & parents in terms of attendance:

- Arrive at school on time – Gates open at 8:40 and the school day starts at 8:50am. Pupils will be recorded as late if they arrive after 9:00am.
- Parents should notify school of any absence before 9.30am and keep us informed of the pupil's absence daily.

In terms of holiday requests, with recent government changes and the trust wide attendance policy, all requests are taken into consideration within the boundaries set by the Education (Pupil Registrations) (England) Regulations 2006. Any requests must be written using the holiday request form as given by the office.

As a school, we are committed to supporting our families and we only want the best for your children. In order for them to thrive, they need to be in school as much as possible otherwise learning opportunities are often missed.

If there is anything we can do to support you further, please do not hesitate to see us.

Kind regards,
Simon Russell and Jane Foster
Headteacher and Deputy Head

Believe and Achieve, Shine Everyday

