



**Lingham Primary
School**

“Every Day Counts!”

*Children have a right
to be in school!*



Attendance:

***Important information for
parent/carers***



*Why should your
child be in school?*

- ◆ It is the LAW. Parents can get fixed penalty notices if the law is broken
- ◆ It shows they are reliable
- ◆ They do not miss any lessons
- ◆ They will develop strong, positive social relationships in the school community
- ◆ They are increasingly likely to reach their full academic potential
- ◆ They understand the importance of routine and commitment
- ◆ We really want your children to be here enjoying the exciting opportunities that available to them, like Muddy Hands!

*What if my child is
ill?*

- ◆ Being ill may prevent your child from going to school, but if they can get out of bed and play, or watch TV they should be at school!
- ◆ Coughs and sneezes are no excuse not to come to school
- ◆ Feeling tired is not an illness, good bedtime routines can help with this.

*What happens if my
child is absent from
school a lot?*

- ◆ They miss their lessons and important information
- ◆ They WILL fall behind with their learning and their progress will suffer
- ◆ They will not be able to do their best in tests
- ◆ The Education Social Worker may get involved
- ◆ A Fixed Penalty Notice could be issued, or worse, legal action could be taken by the Local Authority



**WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS
GENUINELY ILL**

- ◆ If your child is ill please inform school before 9.30am. Contact us on 01516775381 and leave a message on the absence line
- ◆ Parents must inform school of the reason for a child’s absence for it to be authorised

*Holidays during term time are **not** automatically authorised*

- ◆ Term time holidays are an increasingly serious issue - the Government is advising schools to take serious action when needed.
- ◆ The school is **not allowed** to authorise absence during term time, unless there are exceptional reasons (e.g. this does NOT include sickness of a family member or a wedding).
- ◆ Parent/carers must complete a Leave of Absence Request Form to the Headteacher for consideration.

Appointments

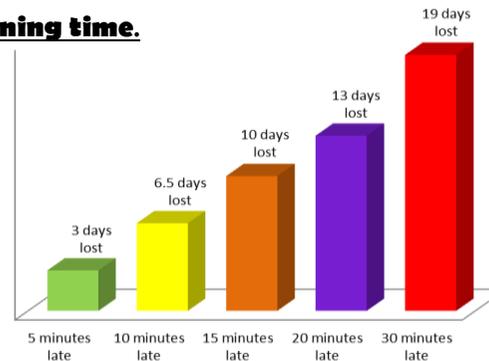
- ◆ Doctor, dentist and optician appointments should be AVOIDED during school hours.
- ◆ If unavoidable, permission should be requested from the Headteacher.
- ◆ Children should NOT stay off for a whole session (am/pm) or day - this will not be authorised.

Why Children should be ON TIME for school

“Every Minute Counts!”

- ◆ Your child will be calm and ready to learn
- ◆ They will not miss getting their mark
- ◆ They will not miss the start of the lesson: Morning sessions focus on Literacy and Numeracy - when children are most alert
- ◆ They will not disrupt their teacher
- ◆ They will not disrupt their classmates
- ◆ School gates open at 8.50am and close at 9am
- ◆ School starts at **9am**, if your child is not in school by this time they will be late
- ◆ Little Robins before school provision, from 8am, will help them to be on time

Graph showing how being late to school every day over a school year can add up to lost learning time.

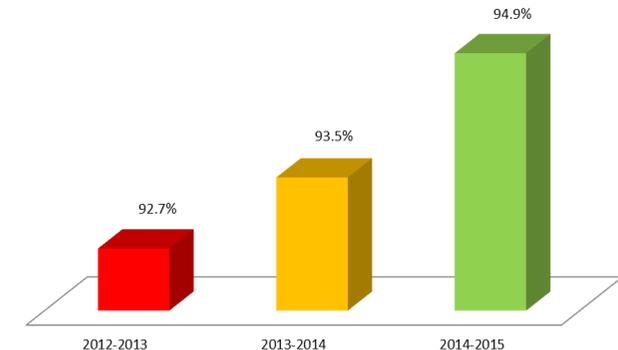


Lingham Primary Attendance Target..

*.....For 2015-2016 is **96%***

- ◆ Things are improving:

Percentage Attendance by Academic Year (up to May Half-Term)



If you would like any further information, advice or support please contact:

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