



Lilycroft Primary School

Attendance Leaflet

Important information for Parent/Carers

Head of School

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Lilycroft Primary School Vision:

Our school community inspires: curiosity, awe and wonder and a passion for learning.

Dentist



If it is very important that you are registered with a Dentist. We know how hard that can be and many people do not know where their local NHS dentist is. If you need a Dentist, please contact **NHS 111**.



Why do I need a dental check-up?

A check-up allows your dentist to see if you have any dental problems and helps you keep your mouth healthy. Leaving problems untreated could make them more difficult to treat in the future, so it's best to deal with problems early, or, if possible, prevent them altogether.

We advise that, if it is something considered highly contagious, send your child into school and we can ring if they are unwell. Sometimes when children come in to school they perk up and bounce back and recover very quickly. We will always call you, if we felt your child is unwell and needs to go home.

Contributions to good Attendance

- * Healthy Diet and Exercise
- * Healthy sleeping patterns
- * Good routines



Good attendance promotes good outcomes for children.

Your child must start full-time education once they reach compulsory school age.

As a parent it is your legal responsibility to ensure your child receives a suitable full time education. It is your responsibility that your child attends school each day and is on time.

It is important to set the expectation of good attendance right from the beginning of school so children grow up with 'good habits'





Appointments

Please try to make any appointments for your child after 1.30pm or try to make them after 9.30am. This will not affect their overall attendance. Please inform the school office as soon as possible as they must be signed out for an appointment.

Extended Leave

The Governing Body of Lilycroft Primary has adopted Bradford Councils Policy for Leave of Absence and term time holidays.

If you are considering extended leave you must still see the Headteacher first. The Headteacher will take lots of things into account when deciding whether to give any extended leave, such as the child's previous attendance, their age, their academic ability and the reason for the request. (The cost of the holiday and the weather conditions are not considered to be reasons for a term time holiday).



The policy clearly states that parents do not have a right to a term time holiday. The policy (available from school) means that a penalty notice may now be issued.

Up to 3 days holiday – no penalty notice, unauthorised leave

4-20 days holiday – unauthorised leave. **Penalty Notice**

More than 20 days holiday – taken off school roll and referred to Social Services.

Healthy Eating

Good Nutrition helps students show up at school prepared to learn. Because improvements in nutrition make students healthier, students are likely to have fewer absences and attend class more frequently. Studies show that malnutrition leads to behaviour problems, and that sugar has a negative impact on child behaviour. Schools provide nutritious food throughout the day, including breakfast, lunch, snacks, and after school.

Staying healthy physically can **help you stay healthy emotionally** too. If you're eating the right food and keeping fit, your body will be strong and help you to cope with stress and also fight illness. Eating well and exercising often when you're a teenager will also help you stay in good health later in life.



Attendance

Regular school attendance and punctuality are essential if children are to be successful at school. Children who attend irregularly or who have periods of long absence have lower standards of achievement than their peers.

Pupils who attend school more regularly achieve better outcomes than those with poor attendance. In addition to missing academic work, children will also miss out on the social side of school life.

If your child is absent, please inform school office on

Tel:01274 5433557 as soon as possible.

When we do not hear from your it is our Safeguarding duty to contact you to find out where your child is.

Literacy or Numeracy lessons are generally held in the morning when children are at their most receptive, which means that any child arriving after 8:45am when morning lessons start is likely to miss valuable learning time. Latecomers also unfairly disrupt the lesson for the rest of the children in the group.



The parents of regular latecomers will be contacted.

Good reasons to stay at home

- * Sickness and diarrhoea –If your child has been sick or has diarrhoea they have to remain off school for 48 hours however, if they have eaten something or have an allergy, this would- n't need to be 48 hours
- * Temperature above 38 which has been taken with a thermometer
- * Chickenpox - Children should stay at home until the spots have scabbed over



Reasons to send your child to school

- * A temperature - having a temperature is not enough of a reason on it's own to keep your child at home
- * Feeling 'unwell' - this is not a reason not to send your child to school. You may send your child in later to school, but coming in later is better than not coming at all
- * Toothache - we understand that the pain will not go away without seeing a dentist, but in most cases the pain can be easily managed and your child can attend school.
- * Headache - on its own this would not be enough of a reason not to send your child to school.



When NOT to send your child to school

- * Hand, foot and mouth
- * Slapped cheek
- * Tonsillitis
- * Glandular fever