

Setting the Right Example

Attendance at nursery school **each and every day** plays such an important part in your child's development and learning. A child's development **up to the age of 5 has a huge influence** on how he or she will succeed and achieve in future years.

In 2012, a report by the government stated that those children with low attendance in early years:-

"Are likely to start school already behind their peers, particularly in their acquisition of language and their social development."

Charlie Taylor - Part of School Behaviour and Attendance 2012

This means for these children that their learning increases, as they have to learn all the new skills and knowledge **AND** catch up on what they have missed - **THAT'S HARD WORK for a 4 or 5 year old!**



Absence from school

In our school, we aim for **100% attendance** for all children, as we believe education gives children the skills needed for their future. For this reason, absence is carefully monitored.



If your child is absent from nursery, please ring and let us know why they are absent and please do not be offended, when we ask you why they are absent.

If a call/message is not received, someone from the Reception will be in touch EACH day.

Medical, Hospital and Dental appointments

Where possible, please try to arrange **all medical appointments outside nursery hours**. We know that this is not always possible but where there is a possibility, please take it.



Extended Leave

Under the 2013 amendments to the Education Act of 2006, schools are only allowed to grant extended leaves of absence in **EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES** with the Head Teacher's approval.

As children in the nursery are not of statutory school age, this does not apply. However, in order to keep good communications between us, we ask that you fill in a **Nursery Extended Leave of Absence form**, if you are considering a period of leave.

We would ask you to limit the amount of time taken and provide us with **any flight information/bookings** and **a date of your return**.

Monitoring of Attendance

As mentioned earlier, nursery and school staff will monitor attendance carefully. **If attendance begins to drop**, a member of the nursery team will ask to talk to you about it.

Also you may receive **a letter from the Attendance LEAD** in school to say we are concerned about your child's attendance. This forms part of **our Safeguarding Children duty**.

All parents should also be aware that any prolonged periods of absence from Nursery, without communication with the school, WILL LEAD to the LOSS of your child's nursery place.



Attendance in the Nursery



This leaflet is designed to help make clear our procedures and rules concerning attendance and absence in Scotholme Nursery.

Getting the best start in life is so important, especially during the years when our children grow so much both physically, socially and in terms of learning

Help us to help your child.