



**GREAT HOLLANDS**

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Attendance REALLY MATTERS @ GHPS**

We are incredibly proud of the results we have achieved in recent years, being recognised to be in the top 1% of schools not just locally, but nationally for our pupils' progress is truly a fantastic accomplishment.

For us to continue to be highly successful and offer all our child a wonderful educational experience our pupils need to be in school!

There is a strong link between high attendance and doing well at school both academically and socially. We know that for our children to succeed they need to have high attendance rates. Many pupils in our school have attendance rates of 99-100%.

However, our pupil attendance rates are not as good as many other Bracknell Forest Schools, and for us that's just not what we want for our children.

Please continue to support us doing everything you can to prioritise school attendance for your child.

Please consider the following as it can really help.



Where possible, try to arrange dentist / medical appointments outside of school hours or later in the afternoon.



Please try to get your child to school on time as learning starts as soon as they arrive and many of the core subjects are taught in the mornings. When possible and ensure your child arrives at school on time.



Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. So please keep them at home only when they are genuinely too unwell to attend. A high temperature is a good indicator that your child is too unwell for school.

Inevitably, there will be times when your child is too unwell to come into school, and on these occasions, please remember you **MUST** inform the school by email or phone by 8:45am on the morning of their absence otherwise they will be recorded as missing, forcing the office to chase you. This could delay our response to a genuinely missing pupil!

Please email the school office at [ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:ghpsoffice@maidenerleghtrust.org) or call 01344 424911, using option 1 to leave a message explaining the reason for your child's absence.

## Punctuality

Arriving at school on time and ready to learn is the best start to the day for our children. Even being 5 minutes late per day can add up to 3.4 school days missed over the year. Late arrivals also disrupt the learning of other pupils in the class.

Thank you for your support in maximising attendance in order to give our pupils the very best chances to continue to succeed.

Yours sincerely

Great Hollands Primary School

