

EPS At-
tendance **96.5%**
Target

R— 93.6%

Y1— 96.4%

Y2—97.2%

Y3—97.3%

Y4— 94.9%

Y5—98.4%

Y6— 94%

Overall attendance
for the whole
school for
February was av-
eraging at 95.7%.

**This is below
our target.**

Please help us to
raise this % by
ensuring your child
attendance is good
or better.

**Is your child's
class**

**"On time at
5 to 9" ?**

School opens at
8.45am when chil-
dren can go to their
classrooms and get
ready for the start
of the school day.
Please make sure
that your child is in
their class, ready to
work by **8.55am** at
the latest.

March 2019

Communication in school -

If you wish to discuss your child's need or raise a concern it is best to speak, in the first instance, to the class teacher or teaching assistant.

If you wish to talk to a member of the senior leadership team please arrange an appointment with:-

Mrs Goff if you have a child in [Nursery or Reception](#)

Miss Towers about [Year 1 & 2](#) children

Mrs Warrington or Mr Northedge about children in [Year 3-6](#)

If you wish to talk further contact the office to arrange an appointment with myself.

Term dates. -

6th March—Class Photographs

7th March—World Book Day Story
time event in school —6.00—7.00.

11th & 12th April Year 5 to York

12th April —School closes for Easter.

29th April school reopens for summer
term

Week beginning 13th May—Year 6
SATs week

Friday 7th June—Year 6 to Skern

Happy Birthday to all our
children who celebrate their
birthdays in March:

Rec: Douglas, Henry
1: James, Maia, Alice

2: Karl, Demira

3: Marley, Olly, Joseph

4: Jorjah-Louise, Archie H

5; Maja, Aaron, Jacob, Emily

6: Melissa

School site

The main school pedestrian gate is unlocked by 8.45 and is unlocked all day for access but we do request all parents and visitors close the gate for additional security. The back 'field' gate will open by 8.45 in the morning and 3.15 in the afternoon. Again can I request that all users close the gate for additional security. Many thanks for your continued support.

Staffing

Mr Stanley will not be available to work in Before School club in the foreseeable future. Please be aware this will affect the number of places we can offer in the mornings.

Mr Northedge is getting married over Easter break. We would like to wish Ben & Nikki a lovely wedding day and many years of happiness to follow.



Parent governor vacancy

Stuart Dodds has stepped down as a parent governor after two years on the governing body. All governors and staff thank Stuart for his valuable contribution and wish him well for the future.

This means that there is now a vacancy for an enthusiastic parent to join the governing body. The Chair of governors will shortly write to all parents with the details of how to apply and the election process. If you would like to learn more about the governing body please visit www.eastlandsprimaryschool.co.uk/school-community/



NHS dentist



To Find a NHS Dentist near you

www.nhs.uk/services/search/dentist.

NHS optician

⇒ Visionexpress—01788 552460

⇒ Specsavers—01788 540703



Compass

**Warwickshire
School Health and
Wellbeing Service**

Other useful websites for parents and children are listed overleaf.

Click here for:



Parent Line -Text messaging service

Parents/Carers can now text a school nurse from their mobile phone. ChatHealth, the school nurse messaging service, is confidential and available Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm. You can message for advice about general health, child development, behaviour, toileting and emotional health and wellbeing.

Text number: 07520 619376

Top tips to manage your asthma in high pollution

Behaviour Management

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides

www.triplep-parenting.uk.net/uk-en/about-triple-p/positive-parenting-programme

Bereavement

www.childbereavement.org.uk

www.cruse.org.uk

www.winstonswish.org.uk

www.guysgift.co.uk

Peer Support

www.kidscape.org.uk

www.bullying.co.uk

Accidents & Safety

www.rospa.com

www.capt.org.uk

www.safetynetkids.org.uk - personal safety, bullying, online safety

Emotional Health

www.youngminds.org.uk - bullying, anger, death & loss, abuse, eating problems, self harm, problems at school, sleep problems

www.rcpsych.ac.uk/healthadvice/parentsandyounginfo.aspx - drugs & alcohol, depression, anxiety, ADHD, stress, mental health, sleep and more.

www.behealthy-peersupport.org.uk - peer support

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/sorted - Self-help books on lots of topics available from libraries

www.nshn.co.uk/whatis.html - self harm

www.stem4.org.uk - teenage mental health - depression & anxiety, self harm, eating disorders, addiction

www.b-eat.co.uk - Eating disorders

Staying safe online

www.thinkuknow.co.uk - sex & relationships, abuse and child exploitation, young people online, internet safety

Sleep

www.sleepcouncil.org.uk

Puberty

www.nhs.uk/livewell/puberty

Drugs/Alcohol/Smoking

www.talktofrank.com

Young Carers

www.warwickshireyoungcarers.org.uk

Class Photographs

Class photos will be taken on **Wednesday 6th March**.

The format for the photos will be a group photo. Therefore it essential that all pupils be in full smart uniform and ensure their black indoor shoes/pumps are in school. Thank you.



School Uniform

We feel that it is important for our pupils to wear school colours as this promotes a positive image of our school and reinforces collective responsibility. This can be purchased from Webb Ellis, Rugby or online at www.myclothing.com

Please ensure that each item of clothing is marked with your child's name.

Boys	Girls
Winter: Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan (with the school logo) Grey long trousers White polo shirt (plain or with the school logo) or shirt Black sensible school shoes Grey socks School book bag/backpack with logo	Winter: Maroon sweatshirt or cardigan (with the school logo) Grey skirt, pinafore dress or long trousers White polo shirt (plain or with the school logo) or blouse Black sensible school shoes White/grey socks or grey tights School book bag/backpack with logo
Summer: Grey shorts	Summer: Maroon and white gingham dress
Footwear: Children need to have an additional set of footwear to wear outside at play times.	

PE Kit

In addition, for P.E. your child will need the following items which can be stored in a named bag.

Reception and Key Stage 1	White T shirt, Black shorts, Black <u>plimsolls</u> .
Key Stage 2	White T shirt, Black shorts, Black <u>plimsolls</u> or trainers with non-marking soles

Jewellery of any kind should not be worn. The exception to this would be a watch which must be removed for PE. If ears are pierced, then studs only should be worn as any other type of earring poses a serious health and safety issue.

Punctuality Matters:

Registers are taken at 8.55 at Eastlands. Arriving after this time may mean your child is marked as having an unauthorised absence and this could lead to a fine being issued. The school cannot go back into the register and mark a child present after a fixed time.

Lateness = Lost Learning

Is your child getting to school on time?



Did you know?

5 minutes late every day = 15 hours a year = 3 days of learning

10 minutes late every day = 30 hours a year = 6 days of learning

15 minutes late every day = 45 hours a year = 9 days of learning

20 minutes late every day = 60 hours a year = 12 days of learning

25 minutes late every day = 75 hours a year = 15 days of learning

The school will have a renewed push on punctuality ensuring parents are informed of the impact lateness has on your child education.

Please see the leaflet on the following pages on attendance and punctuality and its impact on learning and wellbeing.



Are you a busy, working parent?

Eastlands Nursery offer flexible hours with full wrap around care including: before school club, morning, lunch, afternoon sessions and after school club from 7:45am - 5:45pm.

Use your 30 hours free childcare!

All 3 and 4 year old children are entitled to 15 hours of free education. For eligible working parents an extra 15 hours of free education is available. Our provision can also be bought or topped up at significantly lower rates than many private providers. **Check if you're eligible for the extra hours here:** www.childcarechoices.go.uk

The Best Start for Your Child

Our Nursery in the heart of the school is led by a qualified teacher, preparing your child to be ready for school through outstanding learning opportunities, and high expectations socially and educationally.

For more details please call
01788 575328 or visit
www.eastlandsprimaryschool.co.uk

***Come along
to our open
evening on
Thursday
28th March
5pm-6.30pm***



Eastlands Primary School

Good School Attendance

Guide.

Support your child success

Helping your child to make the most out of school.



Attending school regularly and arriving on time helps prepare children for the real world, where it is expected that they turn up to work every day and on time.

Good School attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you, as parents, set the standards and expectations for your child.

Showing your child the importance of attending school every day not only helps your child to settle quickly when starting school but helps them to keep and sustain friendships and enjoy the school environment.

Your child's school is there to support you, they understand the difficulties some parents can face and will work with you. Trust the experience of the class teacher and other school staff and share with them any concerns you may have.

Be interested in what your child is doing in school, chat to them about the things they have learnt, what friends they have made and even what they had for lunch! Remember children can be tired when coming out of school, so a short chat over a snack may produce a better result than a long list of questions.

If your child raises anything that concerns you, it is much better to raise it with Eastlands School, usually the class teacher, at the earliest opportunity.

Allow the school to address any concerns or difficulties. This often can help put your mind at rest, know that your child is ok and is doing well in school.



At Eastlands we want all children to have a positive experience of school life and be able to reach their full potential. One way in which parents can help their child to do this is by ensuring they attend school every day. Parents can often feel that more time is spent at school than at home. By completing a quick and easy sum we can see just how many days children attend school.

There are 365 days in the year and 190 days in the school year.

If we take the days in school away from the days in the year we see that for 175 days children are at home with their parents.

If a child takes leave of absence during term time, 10 school days, attendance starts to fall to only 180 days in school. If the child is then ill for 5 or more days in a year, they start to be at home more than they are in school.

$$365 - 190 = 175$$

As the parent you are responsible for ensuring that once your child is registered at a school that they attend regularly and punctually. Starting good habits earlier on is much easier than trying to change poor attendance habits, battling with your child to attend school and struggling to get out of the door on time. Be organised, have a plan, be consistent and involve your child.

As a parent you are responsible for keeping your child's level of absence down by sending them into school every day and arriving on time.

School absence falls into one of two categories; Authorised, those which schools can give you permission for and Unauthorised, those which they will not. Examples of absences which the school is unlikely to authorise can include:

- Sickness of a parent, or other family member
- Inadequate clothing for school
- Child being used as a carer
- Problems with transport
- Non urgent medical treatment
- School refusal or truancy
- Days off for birthdays, shopping trips
- Family Holiday

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea your child must remain off school for 48 hours to avoid spreading the illness to others.

Whilst as a parent you may think you can give your child permission to be at home, you cannot. The only person who can give permission for a child to be absent from school is the school's Headteacher. If your child will be absent from school, you must notify the school by telephone on the first day of absence.

The Headteacher will decide whether or not to authorise the absence, depending upon the reason given. Most childhood sickness that prevents school attendance will be classed as authorised absence.

However, if your child is frequently absent from school due to sickness, you will be asked to provide medical evidence as the school cannot authorise the absences. This does not mean that you or your child are not believed, but to ensure your child can attend as much as possible the school may provide extra support such as accessing the school nursing team.

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Help support your child and your school by keeping absence rates down. Children who are frequently absent are usually those who fall behind and find it hard to keep friendships, which can lead to being unhappy in school.

There are 38 weeks in the year when schools are open, and 14 weeks (175 days) when families can visit family overseas; go on holiday; travel; pupils can work, take educational trips, attend non urgent medical appointments.....So is your request for leave exceptional?

This is for the headteacher to decide but consider would your employer grant you additional leave?

Reduce absence due to medical reasons by making non-urgent medical appointments for your child outside of school hours.

Avoid taking your child out of school early.

Always let your Eastlands School know the type of illness your child has that prevents them attending at the start of the school day. The office staff can guide you as to whether your child needs to be absent from school all day and when they should be expected to return.

Every minute counts!

Being late for school has a negative impact on your child's learning.

Being just 10 minutes late every day adds up to an hour a week of lost learning. Over a year this adds up to one week of school missed in a year!

Being late for class often means important instructions are missed and the class is interrupted. Your child may feel uncomfortable arriving late and disturbing the work of peers. Children need to arrive on time ready to settle into their school work. Arriving at least 5 minutes before the first bell allows your child to interact with their peers and teacher and get themselves ready for their busy day.

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 15 years of schooling that is....
10 minutes a day	50 minutes a week	1.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 10 Years of lost learning
20 minutes a day	1 hour 40 minutes a week	2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 Year of lost learning
30 minutes a day	1 1/2 a Day a Week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 Years of lost learning
1 hour a day	1 day a Week	8 Weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 Years of lost learning

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Value of the Month- Respect



- A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements
- Due regard for the feelings, wishes, or rights of others.

In Reception we have been exploring the outdoors as the weather has been so lovely and our new topic is all about growing plants. We have been very respectful towards all the living things we have found. We have also been very



careful when planting our bean seeds and have put them carefully on the windowsill so they aren't disturbed.

We need to look after the beans by keeping them warm and watering them.



As part of their science learning, Year 1 and 2 showed respect for living things. They investigated different environments for the woodlice and then returned them carefully to their natural habitat.

The woodlice preferred a dark, damp environment, so we put them back under the planter.

Nursery

We are trying really hard to remember our manners and show respect for others by saying please and thank you. We are also remembering to hold the door open for other people.



Bad weather—We are now into the time of year when bad weather can impact on school. If we have an emergency school closure or part day closure you will be informed through Rugby FM, our school website, on www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosure and by text message as soon as possible.

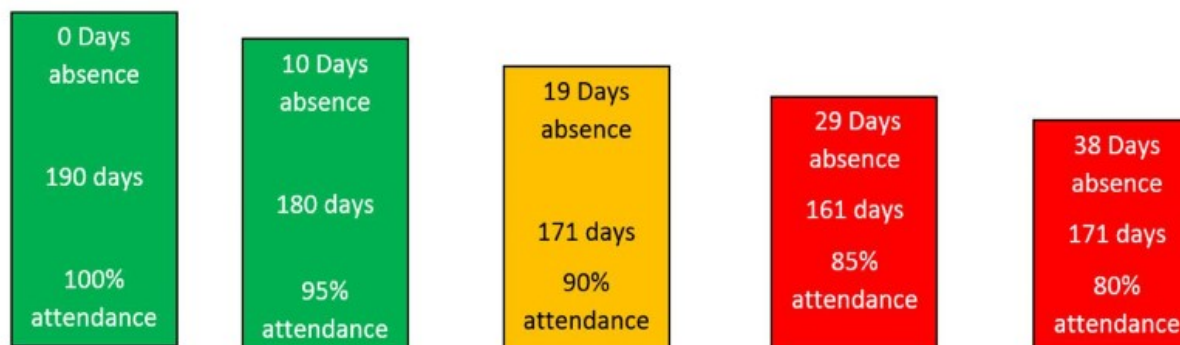
Our school attendance target is:- **96.5%**

Good attendance means...

Being in school at least 95% of the time (180 – 190 days a year)

There are **365 days** in a year and **190 days** in a school year.

This leaves 175 days for holidays, shopping, birthday treats and non-urgent medical appointments.



Good Attendance ← Poor Attendance ← Very Poor Attendance
Best Chance of Success ← Serious Impact on Education

Computer Fun

This month's recommended website for children:-

[Science games](http://www.primarygames.com/science.php)

<http://www.primarygames.com/science.php>

Always supervise your children when they are using the internet

Science Games

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME 2016-2017 – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, govern all requests for leave within term-time. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law.

The amended regulations removed references to 'holiday' and 'extended leave', as well as the statutory threshold of 10 school days. It is now clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

The Government has not defined 'exceptional circumstances' as referred to in the 2013 regulations. It is for the Head Teacher to decide what he/she views as 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Attendance, Compliance and Enforcement Service of Warwickshire County Council

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

Warwickshire Primary School pupils recorded **47,552** half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the academic year 2014/15. This is a decrease of 13,122 on the previous year. This is a positive outcome as it means that 6,561 extra days of education were achieved when compared with the previous academic year.

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Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority