



Leamington Community Primary School

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COVID-19 Attendance Response

Following the closure of schools in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Leamington Community Primary School re-opened to all pupils in September 2020. Since returning, staff have been working closely with pupils, parents and Education Welfare to ensure our expectations for attendance are clear. Due to current COVID-19 practice, some attendance procedures are operating differently and we have endeavoured to highlight key points to all stakeholders to ensure a mutual understanding and positive home-school links. Current attendance procedures include:

- First-day response continues to play a key role in tracking attendance to ensure that we know the reason why every child is absent from school.
- We are recording every Covid-19 related incident/absence and tracking the number of days in isolation and when pupils should return.
- We encourage families to use the testing centres available in Liverpool, which in turn will enable children to return to school as safely and as soon as possible.
- According to guidance, children's attendance is coded differently for periods of COVID-19 related isolation.
- Welfare calls are made during any period of absence and recorded on CPOMs.
- Home visits are carried out, when necessary, including the distribution of food parcels in our aim to support our families.
- Attendance support is provided from our full-time attendance mentor who also liaises with staff to ensure continued remote education for children, when needed.
- Our attendance mentor and members of the Inclusion Team support families with anxieties and concerns regarding attendance, in particular with COVID-19 related concerns.
- Our school website has a dedicated page to explain our COVID-19 procedures to help our families understand how we are keeping everyone as safe as possible in school: <https://www.leamingtonprimary.com/school-opening-from-1st-september-2020/>
- We continue to maintain strong links with Education Welfare which helps us to provide further support to our families.
- All staff are aware of the need to identify any concerns affecting attendance and record on CPOMs for signposting to the appropriate member of staff or external agency.
- We feel, at this time, that using attendance awards would not be appropriate as this could add unnecessary pressure to families and could demoralise children when absence is unavoidable due to COVID-19.

We have taken into account the fact that every family has had different experiences during lockdown and school closure; therefore there is a real focus on the support and wellbeing of our families.



**Leamington
Values**



Friendship



Respect



Honesty



Determination



Courage

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