

# Attendance at Mount

## Why is attendance important?

Average attendance at Mount Primary School is 96%. Anything below that is a cause for concern. Good attendance is crucial to ensure children reach their full potential academically and socially so we must work together with the same goal in mind. We love having your children at school and want to ensure that, after all the disruption over the past 3 years, they have stability, routine and the best opportunities to succeed.

## Term Time Holidays

We understand that holidays during term time may cost less money, but they are still against the law and cause disruption in learning. The school is not allowed to authorise absence during term time unless there are exceptional reasons. Taking unauthorised holidays could result in a penalty notice from the Local Authority. Please support us by booking trips during the 13 weeks holiday your children have each year.

## Illness & Medical Appointments

If your child is ill, please telephone school and leave a message on the absence line. If your child is ill for more than one day, please telephone each day to update us on how they are. If your child is feeling a little under the weather and you are not sure whether to send them in, please do so and we will call you if they are struggling. On the whole, children perk up when they are busy at school and with their friends. Where possible, routine medical appointments should not be made during school time. Proof of appointments may be requested.

## Punctuality

Please remember that school starts for F2 & KS1 at 8.40 and for KS2 8.50. Doors are closed 5 minutes after these times. If your child is late, you must sign them in at the office. Learning starts promptly so please ensure you are on time each day.

## Attendance Tracking

Attendance is monitored each day and senior staff track attendance monthly. Children who are causing concern are highlighted and closely monitored. If your child's attendance is below 90% they are classed as persistently absent. In these cases, we will invite you to attend a meeting in school with senior staff and/or Wirral Attendance team to look at ways forward to improve attendance.

