

Supporting Your Child's School Attendance



Amotherby CP School

Welcome to Amotherby School's Parent Guide!

At Amotherby, we believe that every child has the potential to achieve great things, and regular school attendance plays a key part in their success. We understand that life can sometimes get in the way, but we want to offer you support and guidance to help your child attend school regularly and make the most of their education.

If you ever need help or advice, please don't hesitate to reach out. Miss Cooper, our SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator), and Mrs. Brazier, our Headteacher, are always here to help.

Why is Regular Attendance Important?

School attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's educational success. It allows them to:

- **Stay engaged** in lessons and build on what they've learned.
- **Develop strong routines** that will benefit them throughout their life.
- **Form positive relationships** with their peers and teachers.

- **Improve academic performance** and reach their full potential.

Research shows that missing even a few days can have an impact on a child's learning, so we want to work with you to ensure that your child attends school every day.

How You Can Support Your Child's Attendance

1. Establish a Routine

Children thrive when they know what to expect. A consistent routine can help them feel secure and make getting to school each day easier. Here's how you can help:

- Set regular bedtimes to ensure they get enough sleep.
- Prepare school uniforms and bags the night before.
- Set a morning routine that includes time for breakfast and a calm start to the day.

2. Encourage the Importance of School

Let your child know how important school is for their future. You can:

- Talk positively about school, highlighting the fun activities, friends, and learning.
- Celebrate small achievements in their schoolwork and attendance to motivate them.

3. Be Aware of School Events

We often have special events, activities, or changes to the timetable that can motivate your child to attend. Keep an eye on notices and newsletters sent home or emailed to you. This will help you both stay on top of the school calendar.

What to Do If Your Child is Unwell or Can't Attend School

Sometimes, children do need to miss school due to illness or personal reasons. When this happens, it's important to keep us informed:

- **Report Absences:** If your child is absent, please inform the school as soon as possible. You can call the school office or email us to let us know why your child can't attend.
- **Missing School? Let's Talk:** If your child has been absent for several days, we will try to reach you to discuss any challenges your family might be facing. If we can't make contact, we may arrange a **home visit** to ensure your child's well-being and support any help you might need.

If You Are Facing Difficulties...

We understand that there may be challenges that prevent your child from attending school. Whether it's related to health, transportation, or family issues, we are here to help.

- **Don't hesitate to contact us:** Miss Cooper (SENCo) and Mrs. Brazier (Headteacher) are available to discuss any issues you might be facing. We can work together to find solutions, such as adjusting your child's school routine or connecting you with local support services.
- **We can offer support:** If your child is struggling emotionally or socially, we can help provide additional support to make school a more comfortable place for them. This might include access to counselling services, a buddy system, or more tailored learning approaches.

What Happens If Attendance Doesn't Improve?

We believe in a supportive, collaborative approach. However, if there are concerns about your child's attendance that aren't improving despite our best efforts, we may need to invite you to an attendance meeting in school. But remember, our goal is always to work **together** with you to help your child succeed.

Key Points to Remember:

- **Always report your child's absence** if they can't attend school.
- If we can't contact you, **we may need to arrange a home visit** to make sure your child is safe and supported.
- Regular attendance is essential for your child's progress, and we're here to help you.
- We understand that challenges come up, and we want to work with you to overcome them.

Thank you for being a part of Amotherby School!

We value the partnership we have with our parents and caregivers. Together, we can ensure that your child receives the education and support they deserve. If you ever have questions or need help, please reach out to Miss Cooper or Mrs. Brazier.

Let's work together to make this a successful year for your child!