



Friezland Primary School

'A Family Committed to Making a Difference'

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School Attendance

Attending school regularly over the past few years has been extremely challenging due to the Covid 19 pandemic. As schools return to 'normality' during 22-23, there will be a strong emphasis placed on good attendance and punctuality. We want our children to aim for 100% attendance.

Of course, we know that Covid and all the other viruses and bugs haven't gone away and so inevitably, our children and staff will, at times, become ill and be unable to attend school. At Friezland, we believe 97%+ reflects excellent attendance.

In order to promote the best attendance possible, appointments (e.g. doctors / dentist) should be made outside of the school day wherever possible and holiday absence during term-time is unlikely to be authorised unless exceptional circumstances apply. Changes to holidays due to Covid 19 are no longer considered exceptional circumstances at Friezland. If you need to make a term-time absence request, please use the form available on the school website or contact the school office for a copy. The application form details the fixed-penalty notices which Oldham LA can implement should a child accumulate 5 days / 10 sessions (AM and PM) of unauthorised absence in a school year. Please be aware that unauthorised absence marks may also accrue if a child is regularly late for school. Our school day starts at 08:45am and our registers close at 09:00am. Afternoon registration is 1:00pm.

The foundation of securing good attendance is to ensure that Friezland is a calm, orderly, safe, and supportive environment, where all pupils are happy, eager and ready to learn. In our pupil survey taken in July 22, 95% of pupils said they were happy at school and 97% said they felt safe when at school. Where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly and is punctual. We want to work in partnership with you all to ensure the best outcomes for all our pupils and their families.

A school year consists of 190 days for pupils. As a reminder, our 2022-23 academic year calendar is attached. Our 2023-24 calendar will be published later this term.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Miss R Swaby (Headteacher).

