



# Beeston Primary School

Town Street, Leeds, LS11 8PN

"Engage, Enjoy, Enrich, Excel"



4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Our whole school attendance target this academic year is 96%.

At Beeston Primary we know that regular attendance is directly linked to raising achievement and develops skills for life and work. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time at 8.50 am.

Analysis of the children's progress and academic achievement clearly shows that the children with attendance below 96%, or who are regularly late for school, attain lower than those children who attend school every day on time.

Being twenty minutes late to school every day means your child misses 100 minutes of learning every week. Multiply this by 39 weeks a year means 3900 minutes that are missed each year; this equates to sixty five learning hours missed a year! I'm sure you will agree that this is not acceptable and will greatly affect your child's progress.

When your child is absent, by law school has to make a decision to whether that absence is either authorised or unauthorised. This is why information about the cause of absence is always asked for by our Attendance Team. Authorised absences are mornings or afternoons away from school for a good reason, such as illness or unavoidable medical appointments. We may class your child's absence as unauthorised, if the reason given for them not attending school is not recognised as acceptable. The Department for Education (DfE) and our Local Education Authority provide information and advice to schools as to which absences can be authorised. For further information on attendance, please visit our website <https://www.beestonprimaryschool.co.uk/attendance/>

This term we will be running an attendance prize draw. If your child achieves 97% or above attendance for this half term, they will be entered into our 'Going for Gold' Attendance Prize Draw to win a £100 supermarket voucher. The prize draw will be made on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. This voucher can be used for food, clothes, household goods or toys; I'm sure the lucky winner will have no problem spending their reward at Christmas!

We will keep you updated weekly with the number of children eligible for this exciting reward.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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