



DINNINGTON FIRST SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your support so far this year in making sure your child attends school and is punctual. Our overall school attendance this year is currently 96.6%. We are hoping that with your support, we can reach our school target of 97% at the end of the year.

To create a more simplistic and consistent approach to promoting school attendance we follow a traffic light system.

- Attendance above 97% will be coded 'Green' (Safety Zone)
- Attendance between 91% and 96% will be coded 'Amber' (At Risk Zone)
- Attendance below 90% will be coded 'Red' (Danger Zone)

Please be reminded I am unable to authorise absences during term time for family holidays.

Both Newcastle City Council and the Department for Education are taking a tougher stance on attendance and we therefore have a new attendance policy (please see the website or paper copies can be obtained from the school office).

Fixed penalty notices may be issued in the event of unauthorised absence in term time which is **greater than 10 sessions (5 days)**. Fixed penalties for the first offence are £160 per parent, reducing to £80 if paid within 21 days. Please follow the link for further information. Working together to improve school attendance (applies from 19 August 2024) [Working together to improve school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](#)

If you need any support regarding attendance, please don't hesitate to come and speak to us as we can access support from the school nurse and attendance officer.

We recognise that children may have a legitimate reason to be absent from school, and we are also aware that some families face difficulties which may impact on their child's education, therefore the traffic light system has been put in place in an attempt to support families. It aims to highlight concerns at an early stage.

We hope that you will continue to support our school by promoting school attendance and by informing us if you feel there are any issues that are preventing your child from attending school regularly.

If you would like to discuss this further, please get in touch.

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