

Merridale Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance and punctuality – every lesson counts!

At Merridale Primary School, we firmly believe that regular school attendance and punctual arrival at school is vital for your child's growth, not just academically, but also socially and emotionally. It's in the classroom and playground where friendships are forged, ideas are exchanged, and lifelong skills are developed. Teachers strive to keep the class progressing while addressing gaps for absent or late students, all within a limited curriculum time. Frequent absences and lateness can also lead to anxiety, as children may lose confidence in a subject due to falling behind. Every day missed represents a missed opportunity for your child to engage with their peers, teachers, and the diverse learning experiences we offer. We're committed to fostering a culture of consistent attendance and punctuality, ensuring that your child has every opportunity to thrive.

We understand that life can sometimes throw unexpected challenges, and there may be barriers to regular attendance or punctual arrival at school. If you haven't already, please get in touch with us to see how we can provide support.

Your role as parents and carers is paramount in ensuring that your child arrives on time at school each day, ready to learn and grow. Should your child be unable to attend for any reason or if they are going to be late, we request that you notify us promptly by calling the main school office on 01902 558760 or e-mailing office@merridaleprimary.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L Towle'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs L Towle
Headteacher