



**Tattershall Primary School**  
*Believe, Achieve, Succeed*

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Attendance and Lateness

Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, regular attendance at school is fundamental for ensuring your child has the best opportunity to succeed now and in future years. Good attendance is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances. **National data shows that the pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 and key stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.** At KS2, pupils not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7%, compared to 3.5% among those meeting the expected standard.

Typically, attendance at Tattershall Primary School is positive, although this term we have unfortunately had a lot of children impacted by seasonal illnesses. We do, however, have an increasing number of children arriving late to school. When this happens, children enter their classrooms or assembly late and they can find this difficult. They may also miss vital parts of the day's learning and the time to settle into their daily routine. Please can I ask that you do all you can to avoid your child being late to school and that it is a rarity. Our school gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am. If you are late bringing your child into school, we will soon be asking for you to complete a late signing-in slip so that we have a record of your child being in school.

In addition, can I please stress **the importance of letting us know if your child is off poorly.** You can do this by calling the school and leaving a message or emailing [enquiries@tattershallprimary.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@tattershallprimary.lincs.sch.uk). You must do this by 9:20am on the day of absence. If we have not heard from you then we will contact you. If we cannot get hold of you we will work our way through the contacts we have for your child. We may have to undertake welfare checks (staff visiting your house to check on your child's welfare) if we are not able to make contact with you as this can be a safeguarding concern.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

*Lyndsey Wood*

Headteacher

