

Responsibility**Respect****Compassion****Courage**19th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

ATTENDING SCHOOL

We look forward to welcoming you all back in the Autumn Term. As you know, ‘... *pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less ...*’ (School Attendance, DfE). We understand that there are times when your child is unwell and to support you with the decision regarding sending your child to school, please see the attached document.

Also, the Government have recently set the expectation that there must be at least 32.5 school hours a week. (This is inclusive of lunch break and playtimes etc.)

It should be noted that during the COVID pandemic, we offered a more flexible, staggered start time to the school day. As we are now back to the usual running of school, and to ensure that we meet the government expectations, please ensure that your child is ready to begin learning following the timings below:

Arrival

- **08:35 hours gates open and registration begins**
- **08:45 hours gates closed and end of registration**
- **08:46-09:00 hours** is recorded as **late**
- **After 09:00 hours** is recorded as **unauthorised late**

Home time

- Reception (Hedgehogs and Squirrels) children’s end of day is 15:05 hours
- Years 1 to 6 children’s end of day is 15:10 hours

We look forward to helping your child reach their full potential.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Martin
Head teacher