

## DID YOU KNOW?

### 90% attendance

- 1 half day missed per week
- 100 lessons missed per year
- Just over 1 year in their school life missed

### 80% attendance

- 1 day absence per week
- 200 lessons missed per year
- Over 2 years in their school life missed

### 70% attendance

- 1.5 days of absence per week
- 300 lessons missed per year
- Over 3 years in their school life missed



## LATE ARRIVALS

School starts at 8.55am

Classrooms are open from 8.45am and this creates a quiet and calm start to the day. If children arrive late then they should go to the main school office to ensure they are marked in the register.

## MONITORING ATTENDANCE

- We are required to monitor attendance and data is collected directly from our systems by the Department for Education
- We monitor attendance approximately every 4 weeks
- We always take into consideration personal circumstances
- We are here to work with you and will offer support where we can.



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# Dallimore Primary and Nursery School

## School attendance



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At Dallimore we believe that children can only achieve their full potential if they have excellent punctuality and attendance. In order to support parents to achieve this we regularly monitor all children's attendance.

If we are worried about your child's attendance we will contact you to let you know that we are monitoring this and if this falls below 90% we may invite you into school for a discussion about what support we can offer.

Similarly, if you need some support with this please let us know.



### What to do if your child is absent for any reason

If your child is not at school then it is important that you let us know why that is.

**Please ring school before 9.30am to let us know why your child is absent (or send a Dojo message to Mrs Crowther or Mrs Smith and we will pass this on to the office)**

If we do not hear from you then we will send a text or ring you to find out where your child is.

**This is for the safety of your child.**

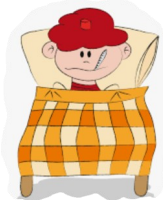
Please do not keep your child away from school unless it's really necessary.

**We will contact you if they are unwell or need to go home.**

### Medical appointments

We understand that medical appointments during the day are often unavoidable.

If your child is absent due to attending a medical appointment then you will need to show us an appointment letter/ text or card etc so that we can authorise this.



### Holidays/ absences in term time

The Department for Education have issued renewed documentation giving schools advice on how to improve attendance in schools from September 2022. In consultation with the school governors we have issued this information for parents/ carers.

It is clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Any leave of absence requests received will be viewed on an individual basis and consideration will be given to the particular circumstances behind each request.

**It is likely that you will be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised (If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444 of The Education Act 1996)**

We are not able to authorise on the basis that:

- Term time holidays are cheaper
- Parents own holiday entitlement
- Shopping trips
- Birthdays/ haircuts

For more information see:  
[www.dallimore.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.dallimore.derbyshire.sch.uk)