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LPS Attendance Target: 96%

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Leominster Primary school at the start of a new academic year. As I am sure you are aware, we take pride in good attendance at LPS and are continuously working hard to help children achieve great things. The target for all children is now 96% attendance.

Good attendance is important because:

- Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance.
- Regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically.
- Regular attenders find school routines and school work easier to cope with.
- Regular attenders find learning more satisfying.
- Regular attenders have an easier transfer to secondary school.

Making friends and being able to understand and complete their work has been identified by children in school as being the most important things to them and helps them feel they are valued and successful; attendance is a key part in achieving these things.

Arrival Times

Nursery (EYFS) Doors open **8.50am – 9.00am**

Reception (EYFS) Doors open **8.45am – 8.50am**

Year 1 & 2 (KS1) Gates open **8.35am – 8.50am**

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 (KS2) Gates open **8.35am – 8.50am**

Pupils arriving after this time are classed as late.

If your child is absent through illness please ensure you inform school on the **first morning** of absence and **each subsequent day** until they are fit for school. This is standard practice in school and is outlined in the attendance policy. A copy of the full Attendance Policy is available on the school website.

Thank you for your co-operation; we value your support and, like you, want the best for your child. Please help us to give your child the best support in school so that they are fully equipped with the skills they will need when they go on to secondary school and beyond.

If there is anything you would like to discuss or share with me regarding your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Miss Dawn Swain
Learning Mentor