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ATTENDANCE AT NURSERY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to stress the importance of **Excellent School Attendance** for your child.

As requested by the Local Authority, all children's **attendance is carefully monitored** and is shared with the Local Authority on a termly basis.

As you are aware, dependent on individual need and circumstance, we offer **30 hours per week** for children aged 3-4 years in Spencer and Cresswell classes. Since the start of the academic year (September 2016), we have observed **how well children have settled in to school routine and how well they are progressing with their learning** when they have attended all of their nursery sessions.

As an Outstanding Nursery School, we are striving to increase our overall Nursery School attendance to as near to **100%** as possible. Your support in bringing your child to **all** of their nursery sessions as much as possible is crucial. We are fully aware that young children often feel unwell and pick up coughs, colds and illnesses that may mean that they are unable to attend School. Please continue to let us know via the telephone or through using our new School App if and when this is the case for your child so that we can **authorise** your child's absence from school. Failure to inform us of your child's absence from school will result in an **unauthorised absence**.

If your child is going to be late, you **must** contact the School before 9.30am. This ensures that your child will be counted in our lunch numbers and will therefore receive their lunch. If your child arrives after 9.30am and you have failed to contact the School, you will be asked to collect your child at 11.30am to provide them with their lunch and then return at 12.30pm when our lunchtime period has finished.





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We will be continuing to monitor children who are **persistently absent** from School during the Spring and Summer terms. Persistently absent children are those who have more than 10% unauthorised absences. This amount of absence from school has a significantly detrimental impact on their learning and development.

Please see below for our whole school and class attendance information for the autumn term (September – December 2016):

Whole School (3-4's)	93.5%
Cresswell 2	96.3%
Spencer 1	88.5%
Spencer 2	92.2%
Spencer 3	97.1%

If your child has poor attendance (which has been noted in Spencer 1) support will be given to improve their attendance through the School and Children's Centre staff teams. However, if attendance continues to be a concern for some children, their free 30 hours will be reduced to 15 hours and their additional 15-hour place will be given to another child on our waiting list.

Finally, please remember that we have **Terrific Tuesdays** every Tuesday morning between 9am – 10.30am. This is an extended period of time in the week when you are welcomed in to your child's class to stay and play alongside your child and to find out more about what they are learning.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Lesley Curtis OBE
Headteacher/Head of Centre

Mr Jamie Wilson
Deputy Headteacher

