



# Courthill Infant School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to update you on our whole-school attendance following my letter in February.

As a school, we are aiming for all children to be in school **at least 95% of the time**. I am pleased to share that our current whole-school attendance stands at **96%**, which is a positive reflection of the commitment from our families and staff. However, the Department for Education has set a target for all schools to reach **97%**, so we still have more work to do together.

In my previous letter, I highlighted our concerns around the attendance of our **pupil premium children**. Despite the positive progress in our whole-school figures, attendance for this group of pupils remains **significantly below 95%**, (at 91.6%) – this is something we must address collectively. Every day in school truly matters, and even small drops in attendance can lead to large amounts of lost learning over time, as can lateness (see table below).

## Minutes of lateness can turn into days of lost learning day

Minutes late per day	= days of learning lost per year
5	3.2
10	6.5
15	9.5
20	12.5
30	19

If you are finding it difficult to get your child into school—whether due to routines, worries, or anything else—please do speak with me or your child’s class teacher. Over the last few weeks, I have been working closely with some families to understand possible barriers that could be preventing regular attendance. These conversations have been incredibly valuable, and I want to reassure you that **we are here to support, not to judge**. We know that when schools work in partnership with parents, this is most effective way to ensure every child feels confident, safe, and happy coming to school.

Thank you as always for your continued support and commitment to our school. By working together, I am confident we can reach our attendance goals and ensure every child thrives.

Best wishes,

Mrs Carter, Headteacher

