



## Edmondsley Primary School

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Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents,

### Attendance in School

As previously mentioned in a letter at the start of the year, there will be a greater focus on pupils' attendance in all schools, starting from September 2022. As Edmondsley is a Maintained Durham Local Authority School, we have support available to us to help remove any barriers to attendance that families may face. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you feel we can help in any way.

Families will receive a letter this week if their child's attendance has fallen into a **Persistent Absence Category** (less than 90%). It is important for families to know that their child's attendance has been identified as Persistently Absent and ask for help if it is required. There may be genuine reasons why your child has had less than 90% of school, for example, as a result of illness, however, it is felt that it is important you know your child's current attendance percentage.

### Leave of Absence.

Only exceptional circumstances warrant a leave of absence. Head Teachers have been instructed to only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances. It is very unlikely leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday.

### Previous overall attendance rates at our school

Governors and Senior Leaders set a whole school target of 96%

Academic Year	School Attendance achieved
2018 - 2019	95.1%
2020 – 2021 (Covid closures taken into account)	92%
2021 – 2022	93.2%

### School start and finish times.

	Start time	End time
Nursery *	8:45	3:00
Reception	8:45	3:00
Year 1 and Year 2	8:50	3:10
Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	9:00	3:20

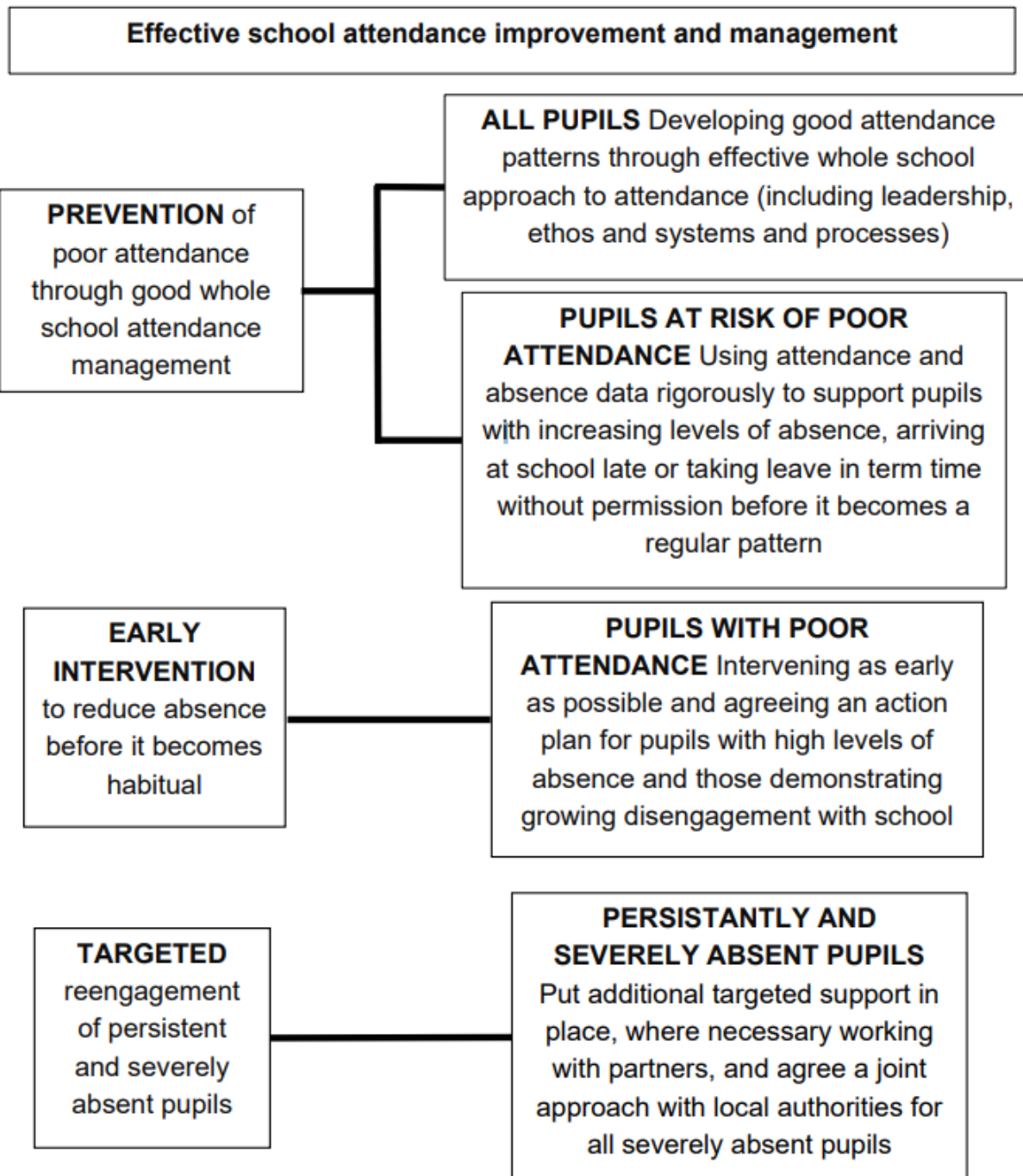
\*Wednesday morning session finishes at 11:45.

\*Wednesday afternoon session begins at 11:45

The top school gate will close at 9:05 promptly. Please use the lower pedestrian gate if you are late and report to the Reception.

Best wishes  
Mrs Angela Rees

Head Teacher



## Attendance Legal Intervention

