School Attendance

At HISN we believe that regular school attendance and punctuality is the key to enabling children to maximise the educational opportunities available to them and become emotionally resilient, confident and competent adults, who are able to realise their full potential and make a positive contribution to their community.

**School Times**

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| Gates Open  | 8:30am |
| Gates close | 8:55am |
| Bell for lining up in playground – Year 2 | 8:45am |
| Soft start for Reception and Year 1 | 8:40 – 8:50am |
| Morning Session (KS1 / Reception) | 8:50 – 12pm |
| Morning Session Nursery | 8:30 – 11:30am |
| Afternoon Session (KS1 / Reception) | 1:10 – 3pm |
| Afternoon Session Nursery | 12:30 – 3:30pm |
| Gate closes for main school | 3:30pm |
| Gate closes for nursery  | 3:45pm |

Our Receptionist Mrs Harris is available outside the office to help parents from 8:30am.

**Punctuality**

At the start of the day it is really important that your child is in school by 8.30am/12.30pm (nursery) 8:50am (Year 1/Reception) as this helps them to settle into learning for the day. If your child is late, this is recorded on a daily basis, including the time the child arrives in school and any reason given. All children arriving after 8.50am must report to the school office where they will be issued with a late card to give to their class teacher. This is extremely important as your child’s class teacher must know they have been registered by the office.

**Absence due to illness**

If your child is unwell you should telephone the school office by 9:30am.

If we have not received a message that your child is absent, a member of staff will telephone you to find out where your child is.  This is for your child’s safety and to ensure that we know they are safe, so please be understanding if you receive a call from us.

If a child is likely to be absent for longer periods of time, greater than 3 days then the school may request that the parent provide medical evidence from a doctor/GP. Please collect a slip form the office for your GP to sign. Medical evidence may also be requested if your child’s overall attendance is less than 90% and further periods of illness occur.

**Absence for other reasons**

Parents/carers **must not** arrange family holidays during term time. Any request for absence should be made by completing the correct form available from the website or school office. It is at the School’s discretion whether any **other** absence is authorised. Absence for other reasons will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances as absence during term time will adversely affect your child’s education. Our school is regularly monitored by the Educational Welfare Officer who works with families that have less than 90% attendance.

For further guidance please see the School Attendance Policy which can be found on our website.

**Collection arrangements:**

There may be times when delays are unavoidable, in this case please contact the school office to inform them of your delay. There may also be times when you will need to make arrangements for your child to be collected by another adult. Please ensure you have informed an adult attached to your child’s class or year group at the start of the day of the change to collection arrangements. If changes occur during the day please contact the school office.

If for any reason you need to go back into the classroom at the end of the day please check with your child’s teacher first.

If your child has not been collected within 45minutes of their dismissal time and we have been unable to contact you, ee are obliged to contact the Educational Welfare Officer.