



Friday 26th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Importance of Good Attendance

We are committed to ensuring every child receives the very best education and pastoral care. One of the most important factors in achieving this is **good attendance**. Regular and punctual attendance is essential for children to make the most of their learning opportunities, develop positive relationships and establish good habits for later life.

Why Attendance Matters

- The school year has **190 days**. Even small drops in attendance can add up to significant amounts of lost learning:
 - **95% attendance** = 10 days of school missed (that's 50 lessons).
 - **90% attendance** = 19 days of school missed (almost four school weeks).
 - **85% attendance** = 29 days of school missed (over half a term).
- Children with attendance below 90% are classed as *persistent absentees*. National research shows these pupils are far less likely to achieve age-related expectations and more likely to struggle with social and emotional wellbeing.

Good attendance also supports your child's pastoral development: regular routines, friendships, participation in activities and a sense of belonging are all strengthened when children attend consistently.

How We Will Support You

We understand that there can be genuine reasons for absence. Our team is here to support families in overcoming barriers to attendance. We will work closely with the **Education Welfare Team** to monitor attendance patterns and provide guidance where needed.

Please help us by:

- Making sure your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.

Beaconhill Community Primary School
Langdale Drive
Cramlington
Northumberland
NE23 8EH

Tel: 01670 714864

Fax: 01670 739302

Email: admin@beaconhill.northumberland.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr Joel Routledge B.Ed NPQH



- Booking medical and dental appointments outside of school hours wherever possible.
- Taking holidays during school holidays and not during term time.

Together, we can ensure your child reaches their full potential—academically, socially and emotionally.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Routledge

J Routledge