



Langford Village Academy

Attendance Newsletter

March 2024

Welcome to our Langford Attendance Newsletter 2023-24 academic year.



This term has been particularly challenging with illness across the school, but a huge congratulations to the **23 children** with **100% attendance** since September and the **71 children with 100% attendance** this term! That is a huge achievement. We also have **60 children** who have achieved **over 97% attendance** this term- well done!

As a school our target is to have over 97% attendance. Unfortunately, we are currently at 92.89% which means we are a little behind where we want to be.

How are our classes doing?

Jellyfish	Starfish	Seahorse	Penguin	Turtle
90.21%	94.93%	93.10%	93.42%	93.37%
Orca	Dolphin	Sea lion	Manta ray	Otter
93.85%	91.30%	94.32%	89.77%	95.04%

What to do if your child is unable to attend school

Frequent absence will impact on your child's learning, both academically and socially. If your child is unable to attend school, **you must phone the school office before 9.05 am every day they are unwell**. You can leave a message to inform us of the absence. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you to update us on your child's absence. If we cannot contact you, the absence will be recorded as **unauthorised**. Repeated unauthorised absences can lead to penalty notices.

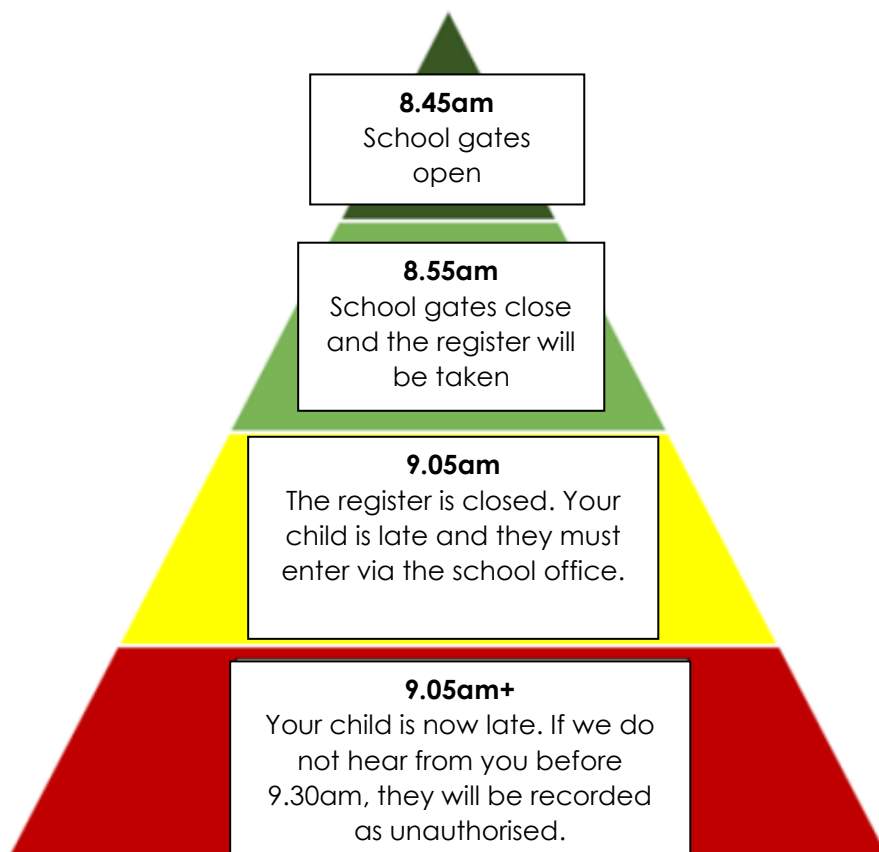
All absences are transferred to the Local Authority so if we are concerned about your child's attendance, you will be invited into school to discuss this further.

Punctuality

Our school gates open at 8.45 am and if your child is not in class by 9.05am, they will be recorded at late. Since the start of the term, we have had

47 different children arrive to school late, with over 200 late marks.

This accounts for a huge amount of lost learning.



Does it really matter if a child is late?

Being late has a big impact on a child.

- It can hinder their social development
- It is detrimental to their learning, particularly if they are missing the same key session each day (Maths, Phonics and spelling)
- It impacts their whole class attendance and the rewards they receive
- Over time it builds up- 15 minutes late every day is the equivalent of missing 10 whole school days per year.