



Attendance

31st January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance at school is vital to support children's learning and ensure they have the best life chances. As you are aware, schools are currently closed to the majority of pupils but this does not mean that the children do not need to attend lessons.

It is Government policy for schools to provide live online lessons for those children who are at home. This is because research shows that it is live teaching that helps the children most in terms of their learning and wellbeing. Because of this, Beacon View has gone to great lengths to provide daily live lessons for English, Maths and reading, along with other curriculum subjects. The vast majority of our pupils are now attending these lessons every day and so thank you again to those parents who are supporting their children to do this. It has been great to drop into the online lessons and see all of the parents sitting with their children and supporting them with their learning.

We have been given the responsibility of ensuring that all children take part in these lessons (unless they are ill) and we are expected to follow up on home learning attendance much like we would do in normal times. So, if your child is not able to attend the live lessons for any reason, please can you let the school know on the morning of their absence by calling the school office.

We appreciate that there may be some valid reasons why a child is struggling to attend online lessons and we are keen to understand these reasons and help where we can. If your child is not in school and not attending live lessons every day, please fill in the form by following the link below to explain the reasons. This way we hope to be able to get all children learning as soon as possible.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xiDeu8low0SgoCI3yOJzy3T8Eyor8I5Dq340h1qXVA9UNVM2WEIzQ01RQUIXNjdVWVAzNzJKTTZHRy4u>

Moving forward, there will be the expectation that we work alongside the Local Authority to engage parents/carers who will not accept our offers of help. This is something we really want to avoid as we have great relationships with our parents and would rather offer help during these tough times. Therefore, please help us to do this by:

- 1) Ensuring your child attends live lessons everyday
- 2) Contacting the school when your child is unwell and will not be joining live lessons
- 3) Completing the form using the link above if there is a barrier stopping your child from attending live lessons.



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Thank you again to all those parents who are working really hard to assist their children with their online lessons. We understand that this can be a difficult task, but we are so grateful for your support. Being able to see their friends and access live lessons really is the best thing for the children, their wellbeing and education at the moment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Mitchell

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Head of School