



The Ryde School

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Headteacher: Mrs Sue Thompson

Monday 28th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Our school attendance data is still below the national average and also below our target.

School average this year	92.3%
School target	96.1%
National average this year	94.4%

Improving school attendance is a target for The Ryde and so systems have been put in place to try to improve children's attendance.

The Attendance Policy has been updated, and can be found on our website, and outlines the processes we will now be following to improve children's attendance.

From today, any child who has an attendance that is less than 96% will have a letter sent to their parents informing them of this. Even if your child has been absent from school due to illness, a letter will be sent to keep you informed about the status of your child's attendance.

As a school we would like to work with families to improve children's attendance as missing lessons is so detrimental to their learning.

Lateness to school is at a high level with 14.7% of children arriving after 8:45am. Our target is to reduce this to 2%.

Children who have been late more than three times this half term will have a letter sent to their parents reminding them to ensure their child is punctual and so not miss the beginning of their lesson.

I hope you understand how important it is for children to attend school regularly and to arrive on time and also that you will support the school in trying to improve these areas. The school is able to offer many different support strategies to help families improve attendance and lateness.

If you would like to talk to me about either of these issues, please contact the school office.

Your sincerely

