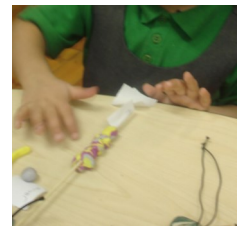
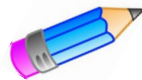


10 tips to help you and your child get ready for school each day

1. Help your child get their school bag ready the night before and leave it with their shoes.
2. Make sure uniforms are washed and out ready to put on especially after the holidays or the weekend.
3. Make sure your child is in bed early on school evenings — by 7pm.
4. Set your family alarm clock to allow plenty of time to get ready for school and eat breakfast each morning. School begins at 8.45am doors open at 8.35am.
5. **Punctuality is important**—allow enough time to walk to school each morning.
6. Make an appointment with your child's teacher or Mrs. Wilson if you have any worries or concerns about your child's learning, health or any changes to your family circumstances.
7. Talk to your child about what they do at school each day.

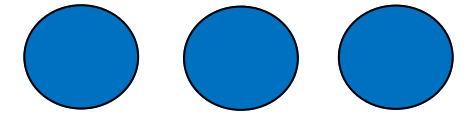


- ◆ At Birkby Infant and Nursery School we have an Attendance and Pupil Support Officer who visits school regularly to look at registers and data.
- ◆ The school may refer your child to the Attendance Officer if their attendance or punctuality is causing concern. The Attendance Officer will then contact you either by phone or letter to arrange a meeting in school or at your family home to plan how your child's attendance or punctuality can be improved.
- ◆ **Mat Lazenby** is the Attendance and Pupil Support Officer at Birkby Infant and Nursery School. Parents can contact him through school or by telephoning : - **01484 221919**



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School Attendance
Fact Sheet
For Parents



Some facts about school attendance ...



The Government set **96%** as the minimum satisfactory attendance for all pupils.

Keeping children away from school for no good reason is a criminal offence.

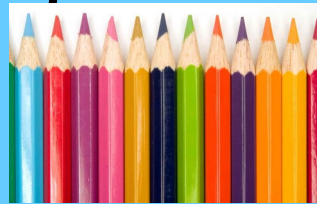
Young children find it very hard to get back into their friendship groups after a period of absence.



80% attendance is the same as having a day off every week.

Shopping for new clothes or taking time off school for a Birthday are not good enough reasons to keep your child off school.

Birkby Infant and Nursery School will not authorise absences without a good reason.



Children with over 90% school attendance are more likely to gain 5 or more A to C GCSEs.

A 2 week absence each year in Infant and Junior school adds up to missing 14 weeks of teaching time—this will have a negative impact on your child's literacy and numeracy skills

* Think again before you consider taking a 'Leave of Absence' during school time. *



MISSING (SCHOOL) = MISSING OUT

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

Children who have poor attendance may find it difficult to catch up on work they have missed.

There are 175 non-school days:-

- To spend time together.
- To go on family visits.
- To go shopping.
- To attend routine appointments.



There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results.

Children who frequently miss school may fall behind in their work which can affect their future prospects.

Absence in a school year

10 days = 95%
19 days = 90%
29 days = 85%
38 days = 80%
47 days = 75%

