

Attendance at Lister Infant School

A Guide for Parents

Working Together

At Lister Infant School we believe that pupils' attendance and punctuality are extremely important. We are committed to raising standards; this can only be done if the school and parents work in partnership and parents ensure that their children attend regularly and on time. Research shows that children who attend school regularly and on time are most likely to be more successful in their exams, careers and adult life. **A pupil who misses a day of school each week misses the equivalent of 2 whole years of school life!**

How Can We Help?

We will phone you when your child is absent.

We will offer rewards and incentives for good attendance and punctuality. These include:

- Praise
- Termly Certificates
- Prizes
- Monthly Raffle draws for 100% attenders
- End of year trophy for 100% attenders

How Can You Help?

Ensure your child attends school every day.

If your child is going to be absent, please inform school by phone (0151 228 4069). When a child is absent and a phone call is not received the school will contact parents seeking an explanation for the absence.

When your child returns to school, please send in a note with the reason for absence.

Whenever possible make dentist and doctor appointments after school.

Book family breaks during school holidays.

Please Do Not

- Take your child shopping during the school day

- Treat them to a day off for their birthday

If your child is worried about coming to school

Please let us know - We will work together to overcome any problems and help your child to enjoy coming to school

If your child needs to attend medical or dental appointments, please inform your child's teacher in advance and if possible produce an appointment card.

If a child's attendance is causing concern the school's mentor will contact parents in order to find a solution. If this is not successful and does not lead to an improvement in the child's attendance the school will involve the LA's Education Welfare Officer, who monitors all absences.

Absence for family holidays in school time

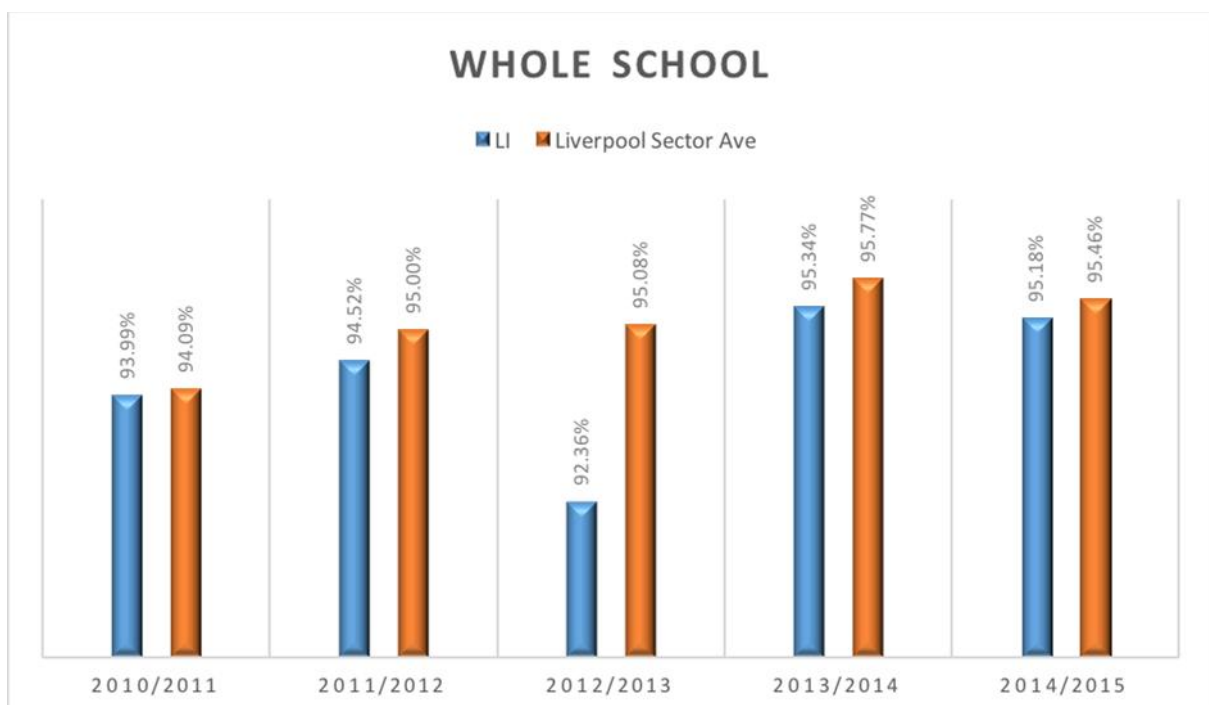
The School cannot condone pupils taking holidays in school time. Holidays **will not be authorised** and school will follow the LA guidance; a fixed penalty fine is likely to be issued.

If attendance continues to be an issue then we will be forced to refer your case to the Local Authority Attendance Team.

Attendance Data for Lister Infant School

As you can see from the chart below here at Lister Infants we have made great strides in improving our attendance in the last two years. This is all thanks to the children, parents and staff who reward and promote attendance on a daily, weekly and termly basis.

The chart below shows our Annual Attendance from 2010-2015 along with the local authority average attendance. This gives a real insight into how we fare against other schools in the area.



- In the last two years there has been a 2.82% improvement in attendance figures for the whole school compared to a 0.38% improvement in Liverpool sector average.
- In the last two years the school has narrowed the gap considerably between Lister Infant School and Liverpool sector average in attendance figures.

[Click here for link to school Attendance Policy](#)