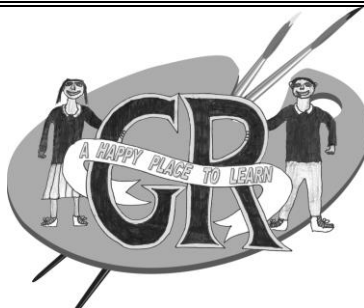


GEORGE ROMNEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear parents, carers and families,

Here at George Romney, we try to strike a balance between considering individual needs and having clear and high expectations. This is particularly true when it comes to attendance, absence due to illness and absence due to term-time leave.

As many of you will be aware, term-time absence due to taking holidays are no longer allowed and have not been for a couple of years now. Since the Covid pandemic, children's absence has in general declined and the number of children who have 'persistent absence' (below 90%) has actually doubled nationally. Westmorland & Furness Council are also committed to ensuring high attendance and it is important that parents understand that following register checks with the local authority; they may choose to issue fines for unauthorised holidays which are five consecutive days or longer. **Fines are initially £60 per child per parent but then increase to £120 per child per parent if not paid within 21 days. After 28 days, parents are at risk of further legal action.**

All staff and governors strongly believe that excellent attendance is a key part of a happy and successful time here in school. Put simply – every lesson, every day really counts! The social element of school is also another hugely important factor – it is part of what makes George Romney 'A happy place to learn!' and we do not want children to miss that either!

I hope our 'Health, Hygiene & Behaviour Expectations' document made our policies and procedures about illness clear – obviously, if children are too poorly to be in school; they should be at home in bed, resting and recovering.

We want to work together with all parents and carers to ensure every child has good attendance – I have included below a simple chart to help understand the impact on attendance of just a few days...

With every good wish

David Reddy
(Headteacher)

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George Romney Junior School: Every School Day Matters!

100%	0 days off school	Perfection
99%	Equals 2 days off in the school year	Excellent
97%	Equals 5 days off in the school year	Good
95%	Equals 10 days off in the school year	Concerned
90%	Equals 20 days off in the school year	Very concerned (persistent absence)
85%	Equals 30 days off in the school year	Serious concern (persistent absence and possible court action)



Be on time!



Remember:
'In the line by ten to
nine!'

