



Dear Parents/Carers

As part of my role in school I monitor and address attendance and punctuality. As a school we believe that attending nursery has a positive impact and long term benefits for your child's progress and social development.

*A child's brain develops more in the first five years than at any other stage in their life. During this time they develop emotions, sensory touch, language skills, behaviour and so many more important skills that will shape that rest of their lives.*

Therefore, if your child has been fortunate to be allocated a place at our nursery then attending every session and on time will help your child to develop a whole range of skills and will help them with a successful transition into full time education.

Missing sessions can have a negative impact on their development and this can sometimes mean they miss out on learning new things which are taught over a period of a few days. Failing to bring your child to nursery on time every day can disrupt their routine.

**At Russell Hall we expect all our pupil's attendance to be above 95%.**

At the moment Russell Hall have a long waiting list and although nursery children are not of compulsory age for attending school; not sending your child to the sessions regularly could result in your child losing their nursery place.

If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance or punctuality please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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