



Keeping Children Safe at Tanglewood Nursery School

8th February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We just wanted to say a big thank you to all our families for their support in getting their children in to school on time and for keeping us informed if your child is absent. We know this isn't always easy but it is very important and will be something we are continually monitoring so that we know our children are safe.

DID YOU KNOW ?

Whilst the legal requirements for attendance do not apply to children under 5, regular routines for young children support the settling-in process and enhance their sense of security. They can also foster good habits for children's later life. Even if a child only has a part time place regular attendance is still important.

Poor attendance and punctuality, even at the earliest age, can affect achievement in later life.

Establishing good habits from the start helps children to settle more quickly into new settings and routines and builds a lifelong love of learning which will help your child make the transition to school.

Attendance is also linked closely with keeping children safe.

There have been a number of reported incidents in the press recently where children's attendance at school hasn't been followed up and this has led to tragic consequences. If you want to find out more click the link below to read the story of Helen Daykin:

www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-42612997

After half term we will be implementing a 'First Day Call' procedure. If we have had no contact from families to say why their child is absent from school, then we will start 'first day calling...'. This may mean that we have to call everyone on your child's contact list until we can get an answer. It is very important that ALL of your contacts are the most up to date that they can be because if we cannot get an answer then we may have to carry out a home visit or refer the absence to any relevant agencies, e.g. children's services.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

You can help us to do this by keeping us informed.

Contact us by phone: **01245 352788** or by email: admin@tanglewood.essex.sch.uk.

If you are struggling with attendance and need help or advice, please call in to the office and let us know and we will support you.

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