

Bertram Hawker Kindergarten Attendance Policy



WE BELIEVE

Children who consistently attend preschool have the best opportunity to develop lifelong skills of learning, well-being, problem-solving and communication. Pre-school enables the development of friendships, community connections positive routines and habits.

Research indicates that preschool helps children:

- Learn how to participate in groups and develop skills like negotiating and cooperating
- Learn social skills and make social connections
- Build their communication, language, numeracy and thinking skills
- Establish good habits and routines
- Develop independence
- Develop confidence to share ideas, solve problems and explore their curiosity

Research shows that not consistently attending preschool can predict later issues with learning and well-being and increased likelihood of missed school. (Department for Education Attendance Policy).

By developing respectful relationships with families we encourage parents to value their child's full involvement and sense of belonging at kindergarten

WE ENCOURAGE

Families to enable their children to access their full kindergarten entitlement by:

- Actively encouraging family involvement in our kindergarten.
- Including information in our parent news about the importance of regular attendance for children's full access to our curriculum.
- Providing flexibility with session times if possible.
- Recording and monitoring children's attendance and reasons for absence from kindergarten.

WHEN CHILDREN ARE ABSENT

We ask that:

- Parents notify the kindergarten about absences by telephoning on the day if your child is unwell. In the case of upcoming events (such as medical appointments or holidays) advise kindergarten in writing to the director or your child's focus teacher via email or seesaw.
- Reasons for absences are documented by staff.
- If children are absent for more than 2 consecutive kindergarten sessions without notification, staff will contact parents by telephone or email.

We welcome parents to talk with any staff member for further discussion regarding this policy.