



# Whitehill Primary School

5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and carers

Reading is of utmost importance at Whitehill and is our number one priority for this year. We have to as a school community work together to help our children develop further in reading. As Mr Forder wrote earlier in the week, there is lots going on to develop Reading For Pleasure further and as a staff we are progressing how we teach reading as well.

Across the school, reading learning begins at 9am and therefore it is vital that children are punctual in the morning. Children who arrive after 9am will be disadvantaged as they will miss critical learning linked to the development of reading. Of course, very occasional incidents occur for any family which mean on very rare occasions a child might be running behind schedule. However, repeatedly being late is not acceptable as this impacts on the child. The school and the governing body cannot tolerate this and allow children to be disadvantaged. We want every child to achieve. Strong reading skills build confidence and independence for children. It allows them to be ambitious in their learning and beyond.

If we can support in any way then please let us know. If you are having difficulties for any reason with getting to school on time then please speak to Mrs Mannings our Family Liaison Officer who will assist if possible. School gates open at 8:45am. Please aim to arrive then as your children then has the opportunity to enjoy early learning activities and settle ready for their first lesson beginning at 9am. If you aim for 8:45 then this also gives time to allow for anything that may take place that morning.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Working together school attendance and punctuality improved significantly last year. We all want the best for the children and being in school every day and on time makes such a difference for their learning.

Yours Sincerely

**Mr Lowing**  
**Headteacher**

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