

Attendance



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Changes in the law mean that the Education Act 2010 no longer grants leave of absence to children. It is the responsibility of the school to ensure that children attend school regularly unless there are medical or other exceptional circumstances.

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Missing days of School adds up. . .

As a parent it is **your** responsibility to let the school know if your child is going to be absent. Please contact the school on the first day of an absence on 01733 562873

Messages can be left 24hrs a day. Failure to contact the school causes additional work for the office and could result in another child not accessing the help they need urgently or the school visiting your home or the police being contacted.

Unacceptable reasons for absence:

- Shopping
- Birthday treats
- Visiting relatives
- Non-urgent medical and dental appointments

Remember:

The **only** acceptable reasons for non-attendance are:

- Illness
- Emergency appointments

Government Guidelines say that Attendance should be at least 95% and the Schools target is 96% 2019-20

Learning missed in a school year

Your child's attendance is above 98%	Amazing Attendance! Your child has the very best chance of success	Your child has the Best Chance of Success In line with National attendance and OFSTED Expectations	Well done and keep Going!
Your child's attendance is between 95%-98%	Brilliant Attendance! If your child doesn't have any more absences they could still reach the 'gold level'		
Your child's attendance is between 92-95%	Be Aware. Even a few days absence make it hard for your child to catch up. Every day really does count.	Your child has Poor Attendance and less chance of success	As a school we are very concerned and will closely monitor your child's attendance and will contact you via letters and meetings
Your child's attendance is between 89-92%	Attendance at this level will start to have a detrimental effect on your child's education	Below National attendance and OFSTED Expectations	
Your child's attendance is between 85-89%	The Government classes your child as Persistently Absent from school. Over the course of the year your child could miss as much as 5 weeks and 3 days of learning – that's nearly half a term!	Your child has Very Poor Attendance and Significant Learning has been missed	As a school we are seriously concerned and at 80% are required to refer attendance to the Education Welfare Service
Your child's attendance is below 85%	The Government classes your child as Persistently Absent from school. Attendance below 85% has a serious effect on your child's education and may effect their chances in later life.	Below National attendance and OFSTED Expectations. The Government classes your child as Persistently Absent from school.	

Time missed at school can lead to gaps in knowledge that become difficult to fill

Did you know?

If your child's attendance is 80%, this means your child is absent:

- 1 day EVERY week
- 6 days EVERY half term
- 12 days EVERY term
- 36 days EVERY year
- 180 days in five years

. . . That's nearly **ONE WHOLE SCHOOL YEAR!**

If a student has 10 days off school in a school year, they're actually spending more days at home than at school