



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION LEAFLET

We monitor attendance carefully on a daily basis and report this to parents/carers at least half termly. School has high expectations on attendance as good attendance is proven to increase children's academic achievement.

I would like to draw your attention to the following expectations.

- Attendance is judged by OFSTED to be good if it is over 96%.
- The school recognises that attendance which falls below 93% is a cause for concern and will be closely monitored.
- If attendance falls below 90%, you are asked to contact school to discuss this and may be asked to make an appointment to formulate an action plan as we work together to improve attendance.

Some startling statistics:

If a child is consistent in gaining 90% attendance, although this might sound good, in reality, over the course of a year this is the equivalent of:

- ½ day of school missed every week
- 4 weeks of school missed a year or
- 1 whole year over the child's school life.

Absence from School

Absence during one school year	Days Absent	Weeks absent	Number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11½ weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13½ weeks	340 lessons

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Where pupils miss up to 14 days of school during KS2 they are 25% less likely to achieve the expected level in reading, writing and math's than those with no absence.

Ways to help maintain good attendance include:

- Make medical appointments outside of school hours – if this is unavoidable please make an early morning or late afternoon appointment to enable your child to be present for most of the school day. In all events medical appointment documents should be shared with school as proof of the appointment.
- Take holidays in school holidays. School will not authorise any term time holidays.
- Ensure children arrive on time.
- Make every attempt to ensure that your child attends school unless illness prevents them from attending.

Please help us to ensure your child gets the very best out of their education by attending regularly and on time.

If you have any concerns regarding absence/attendance please do not hesitate to contact school.

