

## What is 'good' attendance?

Good attendance is when your child is at school for **95%** of the time or more (Green)

If your child's attendance is **between 85% and 95%** it needs improving (Amber)

When attendance falls **below 90%** the DfE identifies your child as a Persistent Absentee

When attendance is **below 85%** it is unsatisfactory (Red)

- ◆ There are 190 school days in the year
- ◆ There are 175 days for holidays

Holidays will not be authorised. In exceptional circumstances, the Headteacher may agree a period of absence from school.

- ◆ If your child attends school between 95% and 100%, they have the potential to achieve their best, educationally and socially.
- ◆ 10 days off per year = 94.7%
- ◆ Whilst 90% attendance might sound good.....
- \* 90%= 1/2 day off each week per year
- \* 90%= 1 month off school per year
- ◆ 80%= 1 day off per week
- ◆ Being late is very disruptive to your child and other children in the class.
- ◆ Lateness is also absence—please be at school, in class and on time (by 8.55am)

# Attendance Leaflet

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and achieving  
excellence together.*

### **What does the law say?**

All children of the compulsory age—between 5-16 years—must receive a suitable full-time education. As a parent, you are responsible for ensuring that this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making appropriate alternative arrangements.

Once you have registered your child at a school, you are also legally responsible for ensuring that your child attends school regularly. If you fail to do this—even if your child misses school without you knowing—legal action can be taken against you by the Local Authority. It is a legal offence to fail to ensure your child attends school regularly.

Legal action can involve a penalty notice or being taken to court.

A penalty notice of £60 (per parent) may be issued as an alternative to prosecution, but this will rise to £120 (per parent) if it is not paid within 21 days. Failure to pay a penalty notice will usually lead to prosecution.

**If your child is too poorly to come to school please telephone us and let us know as soon as possible—if we do not receive a message we will phone you**

### **School Phone Number:**

**01403 782789**

**If you need to talk about your child's attendance please contact Mr Matthews via the school main office.**

If you are struggling with issues at home, that are impacting on attendance, please contact us as we may be able to offer support or signpost you to agencies who can.

Together we can help support improved attendance.

### **Why is it important for my child to be in school?**

- ◆ Being at school regularly helps your child build friendships with other children
- ◆ To keep up with their work, your child needs to be at school as much as possible
- ◆ Children with good attendance at school do well at school
- ◆ It is the law!