



Attendance is integral for learning: being in school allows children to flourish, academically and emotionally, giving them the confidence to learn from their mistakes. They build friendship groups that can last a lifetime because education has given them the tools they need to grow.

Without that regular time in school, pupils soon miss out on vital learning, they miss out on group activities, they miss out on chats and playing.

Those first days back really matter. Evidence from a recent Children's Commissioner report showed that children who miss days 2, 3 and 4 of the new term for unauthorised reasons had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term.

Being regularly late can also have an impact on young lives; it causes anxiety when a child has to enter a classroom or assembly hall and others turn to look, they don't know what to expect: it causes the teacher to stop the lesson, having to explain again for the late pupil, causing the other pupils to miss out on their learning too.

This academic year the impact of pupils being late to school alone has generated over 64,000 minutes of lost learning; holidays have caused over 22,000 hours of lost learning.

From September 2023, if your child is late 10 times in 1 term (or 2 subsequent half terms), you will receive an awareness letter from us. After another 10 lates, you will receive a warning letter from us - if any of those late marks are after the register has closed (9.25am) this generates a 'U' mark, once your child has 10 U marks, they will receive a warning letter from the Local Authority Attendance Team which will go on your child's



Class	% Attendance Summer Term	Whole Year Attendance
F1JM	92.2%	91%
F2CW	94.8%	94.8%
F2LH	93.4%	92.1%
1JS	97%	94.8%
1RS	94.4%	93.4%
2CD	93%	93.1%
2CC	92.8%	92.8%
3LS	91.7%	93%
3CS	93.6%	92.2%
4CG	89.4%	91.1%
4RS	93.1%	93.8%
5FM	91%	92.7%
5MA	91.3%	94.2%
6SL	86.4%	88.5%
6JG	90.2%	90.3%
Whole School	92.2%	92.5%



Congratulations to F2CW & 1JS winning the attendance trophy for the year with 5MA a close runner up!

Attendance focus



Holidays in term time

We understand that life is unpredictable and emergencies happen, but over the last academic year, over 109 holidays were taken this year causing over 2,405 hours of lost learning. If you take your child on holiday without letting us know, we will continue to try to contact you and should we not hear from you, we will make a home visit as we have a legal responsibility to safeguard your child.

Government Regulations state that there is **no** entitlement for parents to withdraw their children for authorised leave of absence in term time. Head teachers can only grant leave of absence during term-time if there are **'exceptional circumstances'** surrounding the request **and** parents have made an **application in advance**.

Definition of exceptional is: 'rare, significant, unavoidable and short', with 'unavoidable' meaning an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

Taking leave of absence in term time does affect child's educational progress, and parents are strongly discouraged from withdrawing their child from school during term time.

All applications for leave of absence must be made in advance to school. Request forms are available at the school office.

Any period of leave taken without the agreement of the school, or in excess of the agreed number of days, will be classed as unauthorised absence, and may result in the issue of Education Penalty Notices by the Local Authority

