

Attendance Facts

90% attendance is equivalent to missing 100 hour long lessons.

If you take your child on a **2 week holiday** in term time, attendance for the year **immediately drops to 95%.**

90% attendance means 1/2 a day absence each week, 4 weeks over the year and **half of a year absence over 5 years!!**

90% attendance is equivalent to a full month off school in a year!

Persistent Absentees

The Department for Education classify any child with an attendance below 90%, regardless of the reason for their absence, to be a persistent absentee. This equates to just two days each month. Statistics show that persistent absentees are less likely to achieve their full potential and it can affect GCSE grades and a child's future prospects.

Holidays and Term Time Absence

Children are **not** entitled to holidays in term time and therefore these will not usually be authorised. You have to get permission from the head teacher if you want to take your child out of school during term time and this must be done in writing well in advance. Term time absence can only be approved if there are **exceptional** circumstances. The school will act upon its power to ask Local Authorities to fine parents who take unauthorised holidays in term time and also when attendance is a concern. Unauthorised absence may result in prosecution proceedings or a Fixed Penalty Notice.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

If you would like to discuss any of the content of this information leaflet or anything about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Littleproud, our Attendance Officer, on **01482 493208**.

Bricknell Primary School

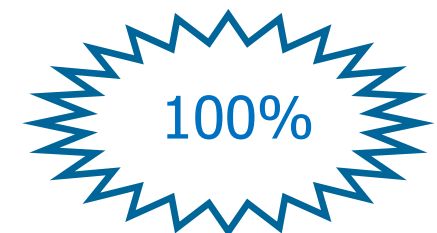
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Information for Parents



Improving attendance at Bricknell Primary School is the responsibility of everyone in the school community; parents, pupils and all of the staff.

We are aiming for



Why is it important to attend school regularly?



Regular school attendance and good punctuality means your child can make the most of their education and will improve their choices in adult life. It will also help them when they enter the world of work.

School helps children and young people with their social skills, making and maintaining friendships, building confidence and self esteem. If your child does not attend school regularly it could affect their attainment and progress because of missed work. Research shows that pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to do well in the future.

What are my responsibilities regarding my child's school attendance?

As a parent/carer it is your responsibility to ensure that a child of compulsory school age attends school both regularly and punctually. The local authority has a duty to ensure that all parents/carers fulfil this responsibility.

Parents should

- Ensure that their child attends school regularly and on time.
- Notify the school as soon as a pupil is absent with a specific reason.
- Bring their child to the office and sign them in if they arrive late.
- Try to make medical or dental appointments for their child outside of school hours. If appointments are made within school time, parents will provide the school with a copy of an appointment card or letter. If a medical appointment does have to be made during school time please do your best to have it after 2pm so that your child can receive their registration mark.

What to do when your child is ill.

We understand that all children may become ill from time to time. If you consider that your child is too ill to come to school, please take the following action.

Please telephone the school on 01482 493208 and use the dedicated line to leave a message. Remember to tell us your child's name, class and the reason for their absence. Please contact us on each day of absence, until your child returns to school. If you would like to speak to a member of staff about an ongoing illness, Miss Bielby would be happy to help you. Jackie Ombler, the school nurse, is also available on a Tuesday morning from 8am until 11:30am if you would like to speak to her for advice and support. Alternatively further information can be accessed on the following NHS website page.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If your child is saying that they do not feel well and you are unsure about whether it warrants a day off please send them to school. If they are truly ill we will ring you.

Use common sense when deciding whether or not your child is too ill to attend school. Ask yourself the following questions:

- Is my child well enough to do the activities of the school day?
- Does my child have a condition that could be passed on to other children or school staff?



Monitoring Attendance



Every child's attendance is monitored and rewards given to pupils who achieve 100% attendance each term. When a child's attendance falls below the expected level the school will inform the parents by letter. If after a period of monitoring, the attendance levels do not improve, parents may be invited into school to discuss this further. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance and we would be more than happy to support you in any way that we can.

We all aim for 100% attendance

We use a traffic light system to monitor attendance and identify when attendance becomes a cause for concern.

Excellent Attendance	100%	Perfect!
Good Attendance	98%-99%	You are doing amazing. Keep it up!
Average attendance	96%-97%	Let's see if we can aim higher!
Below Average Attendance	90%-95%	We really need to improve. How can the school help?
Persistent Absence	<90%	What have we done to improve attendance? Do we need to involve any other agencies?