

With the prospect of an uninterrupted half term ahead, we are all aware of the importance of attendance for the children’s progress and attainment.

We strive to achieve at least **96%** attendance across all our classes within the White Rose Federation. If your child’s level of absence concerns us or attendance falls below **92%**, you will be contacted by the school to look at what support can be offered to improve attendance. We want to work with you to ensure we give your child the best opportunities to grow and succeed.

DID YOU KNOW.....?
 Just two weeks’ holiday during term time means that the highest percentage attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

School education lays the vital foundations of a child’s life. Research clearly demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment. Parents/carers and the school staff should work in partnership in making education a success and in ensuring that all children have full and equal access to all that the school has to offer.

Attendance during one school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent
100%	0 days	0 weeks
90%	19 days	4 weeks
80%	38 days	8 weeks
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks

DID YOU KNOW.....?
 A child who misses half a day each week throughout school life will lose one full year of education.

How can I support good attendance?

There is support if you are finding school attendance a problem, if your child is anxious or worried about going to school please do ask for help.

Every child is entitled to additional support from the school to help them engage with learning, as a Federation we have a Pastoral team that can support you as a family to achieve this. Some children may find regular support helps to improve school attendance.

Attendance top tips

- Figure out the reasons for absence as this can help you understand where your child needs support in overcoming barriers to attending school
- Try to establish a good routine early so that when your child does start school they are in good habits such as getting plenty of sleep
- If appointments are needed for health reasons, try to make them during after school hours or out of term time where possible
- Offer support with homework and take an interest in their learning
- Attend parents evenings to discuss your child's progress
- Take trips during school holidays rather than term time
- Don't allow your child to stay off school for a minor ailment
- Ensure your child has a good understanding of why attendance is important

As a school we will.....

We will be using a traffic light system to monitor the attendance of the pupils across the federation.

We will share full class attendance data on the fortnightly newsletter and celebrate the highest attendance class.

We will reward children half termly for 100% or most improved attendance.

We will support parents and families to achieve this.

