School Attendance

95% + Good Attendance

80-90% Persistently Absent

referral to Educational Welfare

Authorised absence

Illness Medical appointments Religious festivals Representative sport Exceptional Circumstances Part-Time timetables *Must be requested in advance* Even 90% attendance is still 19 days of education lost in a school year

Less than 80% Severely Absent

Unauthorised absence

Holidays Late to school (after 9.10 am) No reason given for absence Other absences that have not been requested in advance

10 half-day sessions in a rolling 10-week period will result in a referral to Educational Welfare who will decide whether to issue a Penalty Notice, give other consequences or provide support

Penalty Notices of £160, reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days may be issued per parent, per child. Where a referral is made more than twice in 3 years, Educational Welfare will then use methods other than fines to encourage children into school

Both the school and Educational Welfare are here to help support you to have great school attendance for your child. If your child is struggling to come to school please speak to us and we can explore different ways we might be able to help you and your child

Frequent periods of Illness 15 days of illness (consecutive or cumulative) will result in a referral to Educational Welfare to discuss ways to support

Attending school **regularly** helps to build **confidence** and develop vital **life skills**





