

How Good Is Your Child's Attendance?

95% and over	WELL DONE! This is good attendance
Between 91 and 94%	BE CAREFUL! Remember that below 95% is unsatisfactory
Between 86% and 90%	REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT
85% and below	PERSISTENT ABSENTEE

Lateness

Regular Lateness = ABSENCE

Over a school year:

5 minutes late every day = 3 days absent

15 minutes late every day = 10 days absent
(2 weeks)

30 minutes late every day = 19 days absent

**It's good to be
on time!**



Rewards for Good Attendance

Each week the classes with the best attendance and punctuality are given a special mention in our Friday Achievements Assembly.

We reward 100% attendance at the end of each term through attendance stickers awarded in Assembly.

We provide information to parents about pupils' attendance in a child's annual school report.

At the end of each academic year special certificates are awarded to children with outstanding attendance; and to those whose attendance has significantly improved.



We want to see all the children at Ashfield achieve their full potential to become ***the best that they can be.***

Regular attendance is vital in achieving this.

Thank you for supporting our Attendance Policy.

A copy of the full policy is available on request from the Ashfield School Office.

Ashfield Junior School



Inspiring Today's Child for Tomorrow

Attendance Guide for Parents

Why Does Good Attendance Matter?

Attending school on a regular basis is the key to your child doing well at school and will set them up with good habits for later life and the working world. It will also give your child the opportunity to:

- Make lots of friends and feel included
- Learn new things and develop many skills
- Increase his/her confidence and self esteem
- Improve his/her social skills
- Achieve their potential and fulfil their aspirations



It's Cool to be in School!

What is Good Attendance?

Anything less than 100% attendance means that your child is missing out on their education.

The Government considers attendance of below 95% as unsatisfactory.

90% Attendance

Annabelle is in Y3. Her attendance rate is 90%. Her parents think this sounds quite good.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri

She is absent for the equivalent of one half day every week.

In Y3 Annabelle's attendance rate means that she missed the equivalent of **four whole weeks** of lessons in the school year.

If she continues to attend for only 90% of the time during her time at Ashfield, then over the four years, she will miss the equivalent of **16 weeks** of her education, which is **over a whole term!**

Holidays in Term Time

When planning term time holiday absence we ask that parents are mindful that absence for holidays is not, and never has been, an entitlement. The DFE (Department for Education) does not consider time off work and financial issues to be sufficient reasons for children to be absent from school. The Headteacher has the discretion and duty to consider each case on its own merits; and will only authorise holiday in term time if there are mitigating circumstances. She will assess each individual request against a range of suitability criteria including the time in the academic year, the proximity to assessment, the child's year group, attendance history and the child's capacity to make up the learning they would miss.

Request forms for consideration of authorisation for absence during term time are available from the School Office.

Compassionate Leave/Extenuating Circumstances

We understand that there may, on rare occasions, be unavoidable cause for absence, e.g. illness of a close relative. Although it is important that the children's education suffers as little as possible, any requests will be viewed with compassion. Please liaise directly with Mrs. Dalziel.