

# Attendance and Punctuality workshop

2022-2023

# Welcome and thank you for being here

Purpose:

Informal discussion

Discuss expectations

Share procedures

Q&A

# Expectations

Good attendance and punctuality are vitally important if your child is to make the most of the educational opportunities we offer. If he/she is unwell and cannot come to school, please telephone the school before 8.30am and leave a message. Please let us know for each day they are absent, unless any isolation period has been discussed on the first day of absence.

If we have not heard from you by 9.30am we will message or call home. If no contact can be made we will make a home visit in line with our Safeguarding procedures.

# Impact

All children will have days when they're not able to go to school, whether that's due to illness, holiday or a family emergency, and the occasional day off is unlikely to affect their education.

However, missing too much school can be seriously detrimental.

**A child who misses school just twice per month will lose out on 18 days' education across the school year - that's nearly four weeks.**

# Isolation requirements

If your child has sickness or diarrhea they are required to stay at home for 48 hours from their last episode.

Any rash should be investigated to establish possibility of spread and to decide upon any isolation required, e.g. chicken pox requires to stay home until all spots are scabbed over.

COVID, current guidelines state that children who test positive, have any of the main 3 symptoms of COVID (new, persistent cough, temperature or loss of taste/smell) or signs of respiratory infection are recommended to stay at home for a minimum of 3 days, or until symptoms have passed.

Adults are the same as above but for 5 days.

Although there is no longer a legal requirement to isolate, this is to prevent spread in communities.

If your child is feeling generally under the weather, but you feel they are well enough to be in school, please send them in and we will contact you if we ever feel they need to go home or receive any medical treatment.

# Facts...

Did you know that of 365 days in a year, 190 days are school days and 175 are non-school days—that is nearly half of the entire number of days in the year! As a school we expect parents to use these 175 days for your family time, and for activities such as shopping, appointments, day trips and family holidays. While we appreciate it's not always possible to take appointments on non-school days, we do ask that these are kept to a minimum.

Figures...

# ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



## Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance  
During the School Year...

Your Child Would Have Lost  
Approximately...

or They Would Have  
Missed Approximately...

was 95%

9 Days from School

50 Lessons

was 90%

19 Days from School

100 Lessons

was 85%

29 Days from School

150 Lessons

was 80%

38 Days from School

200 Lessons

was 75%

48 Days from School

250 Lessons

**Getting Your Child to School Really Matters**

# Punctuality

Punctuality is equally important.

Lessons start at 8.45am where classrooms are set up and ready to start learning with morning tasks prepared, these include interventions, handwriting, spellings, maths, reading, comprehension - just to name a few.

When children arrive late they miss out on the foundations needed ready to start their day.



# Targets

National - 97.4%

Dorset - 96%

Hazelbury Bryan - 95%

# Dorset Procedures

Reminder letter sent to all parents at the beginning of each academic year.

Challenge absence and punctuality, as well as appointments.

Monitor each term.

Liaise with Attendance/Inclusion lead for Dorset Council, termly of any concerns.

SIMS/Orchestra. Codes!

Letters to families who are of a concern each term.

Meet with families each term to address any concerns and offer support.

TAF/Family Link Workers.

Further Concerns go to panel where Council decide if prosecution is needed.

Meeting 30th September with Director of Education to improve attendance in Dorset.

# Government Press Release

'Missing school for just a few days a year can damage pupils' chances of gaining good GCSEs, according to a new report published by the Department for Education today (24 March 2016).

The new [research shows that overall absence had a negative link to attainment](#), with every extra day missed associated with a lower chance of achieving 5 or more good GCSEs.

The research backs the government's clampdown on absence and truancy to ensure more pupils regularly attend school and leave with the qualifications they need to succeed in modern Britain.'

## Why?

As well as the obvious and children being provided with the best opportunities in life,

100,000 children missing in education!

Safeguarding! Share statistics!

We must support the next generation to give them the best start in life.

# How we involve the children...

Weekly assembly

Termly assembly

Annual assembly

Termly class rewards - decided with the teacher.

100% attendance for the year receives a special award in assembly.

Trophies

Displays, children involved.

# Working together

This presentation has discussed the importance of good attendance and punctuality in the best interest of your child/children.

If you are ever worried about your child, please come and speak to us in the first instance.

We are always here to help!

Q & A