



Goodyers End Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs A Rees
Bowling Green Lane
Bedworth
Warwickshire
CV12 0HP
Tel: (024) 7636 4448

10 September 2021

Email: admin2634@welearn365.com
Web: www.goodyersend.warwickshire.sch.uk

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a really positive start to the term for attendance, with the vast majority of children arriving at school on time every day. The new COVID-19 guidance means that close contacts no longer need to self-isolate, which hopefully means more children in school!

We are committed to providing an education of the highest quality for all pupils and recognise that this can only be achieved by supporting and promoting excellent attendance for our children. By attending school regularly, and on time each day, children can take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them and reach their full potential.

Given the amount of time pupils were out of school during the COVID-19 pandemic, I'm sure you will agree that pupils' attendance is even more important for this academic year. We will always endeavour to support families to overcome any barriers to attending school.

We are required to monitor attendance regularly and identify any children whose attendance is of concern. The government's expectation for pupil attendance is at least 97%.

If your child's attendance falls below 94%, a letter will be sent to inform you of this. Whilst we do recognise that there may be reasons for absence, including illness, we still have a duty to inform you of this low attendance figure and monitor it closely.

Attendance of 90% or less is classed as 'persistent absence' and is a significant cause for concern. If attendance reaches 90%, you will be invited in for a meeting to discuss any barriers to attending and targets will be set to ensure a rapid improvement is made.

Where persistent absence continues and targets are not met, a referral to the Warwickshire Attendance Service (WAS) will be made and legal action could be taken against you, which may result in fines.

We ask that you support your child's attendance by:

- Contacting school daily if your child is absent.
- Not booking holidays in term time. Holidays will not be authorised.
- Arriving on time every day (doors open 8:45, register 8:55).

To see our full attendance policy, please visit the school website.

Yours sincerely

Miss Foster

Deputy Head



Attendance

If your child's attendance during the school year is...

your child would have lost approximately...

which is approximately...

95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons
65%	67 days	340 lessons

Remember: ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Punctuality

In a school year, if your child is late every day by...

your child would have lost approximately...

which is approximately...

5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

Remember: ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY