



Goodyers End Primary School

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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. 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.

Good attendance continues to be more important than ever. 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 (you can text us via the MyEd app or leave a voicemail on 024 7636 4448 by 8pm).
- Not booking holidays in term time. Holidays will not be authorised.
- Arriving on time every day (doors open at 8:45am and the register is taken at 8:55am).

To see our full attendance policy, please visit the school website <http://www.goodyersend.warwickshire.sch.uk>.

Yours sincerely

Ms C Hall
Headteacher

Attendance Matters

0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed	100%	Perfect attendance
2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed	99%	Excellent attendance
5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed	97%	Good attendance
10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed	95%	Slightly below average attendance
14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed	93%	Poor attendance
20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed	90%	Very poor attendance

90% in a test is a great score but 90% attendance is very poor. If your child's attendance is 90% or less then it will seriously damage their chances in school and life. Every day really matters! Help your child by making sure they attend school.

Arrive On Time

Minutes Late Every Day	Equivalent of Missing
5 minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 minutes	20.7 school days a year