

Attendance at Avondale

We love our children at Avondale being in school every single day.

School attendance is crucial in children achieving well, it is also the law that parents have a responsibility to ensure their children have 'good' attendance at school. The national figure for attendance is 96%. Here at Avondale our attendance is usually higher than this and this is what we expect of all our pupils.

Coming to school really does matter!

If your son or daughter is worried or concerned about coming to school or if you feel we can help support the transition into school then please speak with us. Mrs Wright and Miss Braysford are our family support workers and they will be happy to help. Even if you are running late, please come to school, we would much rather you were late and here than not here at all. The same is said if you are feeling a little under the weather - you can always try the day and we can ring home if we need to.

We do all we can to support great attendance, we have transition time in morning as children enter school, we reward the class with the highest attendance for the week, we give out certificates for great attendance and at the end of the year we put all the children with 100% attendance into a draw to win 2 x £50.



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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for
concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



What the percentages really mean

100% - 96%

You are doing really well and we are very pleased with your Attendance.

95% - 93%

This is good but below our school target and we would like to see an improvement, parents will get a phone call from Miss Braysford.

92% - 90%

Your attendance is starting to make us worry.

Your attendance will be monitored and we would expect to see an improvement.

Parents will be asked to meet with Miss Braysford or Mrs Brown to help.

90% and below

This is called ***Persistent Absenteeism*** and may be stopping you from being the best that you can be.

Your parents will be invited into school for a meeting with Miss Braysford, Mrs Brown and the Education Welfare Officer.

A referral to the Education Welfare Service will be made.

Holidays during school time!

They really damage your attendance and make it impossible for your class to achieve the attendance award for that week.

Mrs Brown will not be authorise any holidays in school time and a fine will be issued.