

Look at the impact every single day off school has on your child's annual attendance:

Days Absent	Days of Absence	Attendance
1	1 day	99.50%
2	2 days	99%
3	3 days	98.50%
4	4 days	98%
5	1 week	97.50%
10	2 weeks	95%
15	3 weeks	92.50%
20	4 weeks	90%
25	5 weeks	87.50%
30	6 weeks	85%
35	7 weeks	82.50%
40	8 weeks	80%

Dothill Primary School

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any problems or would like advice about school attendance.

Attendance Officer:

Mrs Ros Oakes
01952 386870

Head Teacher:

Mrs Becca Butler

Deputy Head Teacher:

Mrs Karen Rankin-McCabe

School Office:

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Attendance and Punctuality

All students are expected to attend morning registration at 8.45am daily.
Parents / carers should always telephone school by 9.00am to report illness / a reason for absence.

"Wise up" to Attendance



Attendance **excellent** 97%+=
6 days absent per year



Attendance **Good** 95%+ =
less than 10 days absence
per year



Attendance 90-95% =
up to 20 days absent per year.
Needs Improvement



Attendance 80-90%= up to 40
days off per year.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH



Below 80% =
UNACCEPTABLE
parents could be
prosecuted

What school can do to help students and parents improve attendance:

- We can keep you informed of your child's attendance and will contact you if concerned.
- We can arrange for you to come into school and meet your child's teacher and our education welfare officer.
- We can reward your child's good attendance.
- We run attendance panels.
- We can have someone at the end of the telephone who can help you.

What parents can do to help

- Parents should only allow time off school for serious and important reasons.
- Make certain that wherever possible medical and dental appointments are out of school hours.
- Avoid absence of leave in term time. If unavoidable you must complete the school's "Request for authorisation of absence during term time" form four weeks in advance.
- The head teacher will decide if absence of leave in term time can be authorised.
- If your child's absence is unavoidable please contact the school before 9.00am and leave a message.
- If you are concerned about your child's attendance please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Butler.

What is the Law on Attendance?

Parents/Carers have to make sure that children of school age (i.e. 4-16 years) receive full-time education.



They must make sure that children on roll at school attend regularly.

Parents may be taken to court for breaking the law.

Under the 1996 Education Act section 444, parents may be fined up to £2,500, face 3 months in prison or receive a parenting order.

Under the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 parents may receive a fixed penalty notice of up to £120.

It is vital that each student attends school daily with as little absence as possible. There is a clear and direct relationship between school attendance and performance in formal examinations.