

## The Important of Attendance

Every school day is important and counts! Good attendance is essential for your child's educational progress and well-being. Missing time off school may cause your child to fall behind in their learning and miss important social interactions with peers. We thrive for all pupils to achieve 100% attendance but understand there may be circumstances where this is not possible.

# Attendance at Dothill

## Target

Help us beat our school target of 96.5%



## Beat the bell

Be in the classroom before the bell rings

## Attendance Expectations

We expect children to attend school every day, arrive on time, be in the classroom by 8:45am and ready to learn. We ask parent and careers to ensure this happens in support of their child's education. If your child is going to be absent, then please inform school. The school target is to achieve a minimum of 96.5% attendance across the whole school.

## Is it ok to miss a few days?

Missing a few days from school across the year may not seem like a big deal, however, research shows that absence from school can have a high impact on children's learning. At Dothill we have a progressive curriculum, which means it has units of work for each subject that build on previous learning. Each subject has a significant amount of knowledge that the children are expected to know by the end of term year – absence will cause gaps in learning impacting on the progress your child makes. Persistent absence can also impact on friendships and makes it harder for children to form good relationships with other pupils and the staff within school. Unless you have a genuine reason for keeping your child off school, then please send them in each day.

0 days off in a year 0 lessons missed	100%
2 days off in a year 10 lessons missed	99%
5 days off in a year 25 lessons missed	97%
10 days off in a year 50 lessons missed	95%
14 days off in a year 70 lessons missed	93%
20 days off in a year 100 lessons missed	90%

## Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school, then please call on 01952 386870 by 9am and provide a reason for absence.

If you do not call, then the absence may be recorded as unauthorised. We will make contact to check on your child's safety and well-being.

## How we Monitor Attendance

We monitor attendance daily and discuss any pupils of concern and those who are increasingly absent from school. We also monitor weekly by looking at the attendance percentage for each class. We meet with our EWO (Educational Welfare Officer) every three weeks to discuss all pupils with attendance of 92% or below. During this meeting we plan how to offer support – this may be further monitoring, phone calls home, inviting parents for a meeting or issuing formal letters. At each stage we will offer support to families and our aim is for your child to be in school.

## Offering Support

We understand that each family is different, and some will require more support than others. Please speak to us as we can help and support in many ways. We have a fantastic pastoral team who are always happy to help.

## Achieving Good Attendance

- ✚ Be prepared – organise things in an evening to make the mornings less of a rush!
- ✚ Arrange appointments outside of the school day.
- ✚ Take family holidays outside of term time.
- ✚ Talk to your child about school.
- ✚ Attend parents evening.
- ✚ Share any problems or concerns with school – we are always happy to help.
- ✚ Ensure your child arrives on time (many children feel embarrassed when they enter a full classroom late).

Ready, Respect and Safe