

# Attendance

Don't just Believe it, Achieve it...

Be the best that you can be

*At Stanley Road we know that good attendance is vital for all our pupils. One of the most important things you can do for your child is to make sure that they attend school every day. Our school attendance target is 96%.*



## Why attending school matters

Missing school really does make a difference to your child's future. Research shows that children who miss school regularly can fall behind with their work and do less well in exams. Children who are not in school are most vulnerable.

Aim for 100% attendance as this may help improve your child's chances of getting a better job or career in the future.

## School terms and holidays

Taking your child on holiday during term time isn't acceptable as they are missing out on their education.

Regulations make clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Parents should speak to Mrs Howarth well in advance of any planned absence.

Headteachers have the discretion to grant leave, but they should only do so in exceptional circumstances. If leave is granted, it is up to Mrs Howarth to determine the length of time that your child can be away from school.

## Punctuality

Being on time is also vital. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher and the other children in the class.



## What you can do to help improve attendance?

- If your child is ill or absent for any other reason, contact the school office on the first day of absence. Always let us know of any days that your child is unable to attend.
- Make sure your child arrives at school on time for both the morning and afternoon sessions.
- If you suspect that your child is unhappy at school, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can work with you to resolve any difficulties.
- Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of them missing school, but be on alert for any particular reasons for non-attendance, such as bullying or problems with school work and discuss these with the class teacher.

## If your child's attendance drops below an expected level we will:

- Make daily phone calls
- Make home visits
- Ask for medical evidence eg. Appointment card, prescription, prescribed medicine
- Inform Angela Shaw, our school attendance improvement advisor
- Invite you to Attendance Surgeries
- Issue Fixed Penalty notices

## Rewards for good attendance include:

- Weekly prize for the class with the best attendance
- Half termly non uniform day for 100% Attendance
- Termly trip for the class with the best attendance
- Annual prize for 100% attendance