



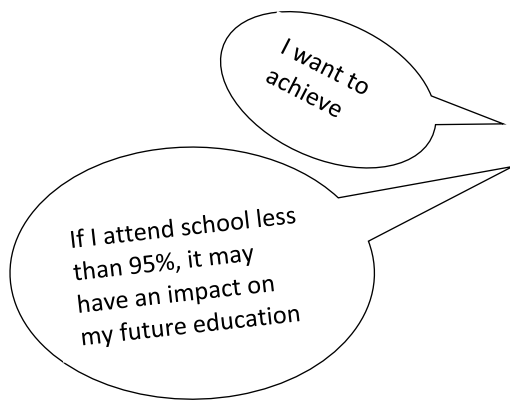
Attendance

At Blackwell Primary School, we constantly strive and look for ways to improve the education for all our children. **This academic year, we need to ensure attendance continues to improve for all children.** We will be looking at the overall attendance of all of our children and monitoring attendance of individual children when it nears 95% and when punctuality becomes cause for concern. We have an Education Welfare Officer (EWO) who works with our families to ensure that every school-aged child is receiving a suitable, full-time education by encouraging regular attendance at school, to raise the attendance of our pupils. Our Attendance policy ensures that we are following all legal requirements and is available to parents and carers on the school website. We strive to achieve 97% or above attendance across the school.

EVERY day at school counts

This table of information shows you how important it is that all children have good attendance to make sure they do not miss any vital learning.

Every School Day Counts!						
365 days in each year	175 Non-School Days a Year – i.e. Weekends and School Holidays					
	190 school days in each year					
	190 school days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence	28 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
		180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
	100% attendance	95% attendance	90% attendance	85% attendance	80% attendance	75% attendance
GOOD Best chance of success – gets your child off to a flying start		WORRYING Less chance of success Makes it harder to make progress		SERIOUS CONCERN Absence will affect your child's progress Action will be taken		



What do I do if my child is ill?

Of course, children are ill on occasions and, when this is the case, we readily accept that being at home is the best place to be.

Children cannot help being ill and as a school we want all our children to be well and healthy and able to learn happily and confidently when they are here. However, the traffic light system, shown below, is a very useful guide to help you to decide when to send your child to school and when to keep them at home.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

As a school, we do not authorise holidays in term time, and fixed penalty notices are issued.

If your child does require authorised time, due to exceptional circumstances, you need to complete and return the appropriate form, which is available from the office.

If your child is too unwell to attend school...

- ✓ Please notify the school via Studybugs, or phone the school on 01342 323906, press 1 to report an absence, and leave a message stating: your child's name, class and reason for absence.
- ✓ If we have no contact from you by 9.30am, we will phone to ascertain your child's whereabouts and reason for absence.
- ✓ You are required to phone the school on each day of continued absence, unless we have had prior notice.



RED STAY AT HOME

Raised temperature (of over 37.5°)

Rashes can be the first sign of many infectious illnesses such as chickenpox and measles. If your child has a rash, check with your GP before sending them to school.

Vomiting and diarrhoea: Children with these conditions can return to school 48 hours after their symptoms have settled.

COVID symptoms: please click on the link below for the latest information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/covid-19-variants-identified-in-the-uk-latest-updates>

For further COVID advice, click on the NHS link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>



AMBER TAKE ADVICE

Headaches: A child with a minor headache does not usually need to be kept off school.

If the headache is more severe or is accompanied by other symptoms such as raised temperature or drowsiness, then keep your child at home and consult your GP.



GREEN COME TO SCHOOL

Sore throat
Feeling tired

*We will always contact you if your child becomes ill during the school day.