



Attendance

At Brookside Primary School excellent attendance and punctuality is our aim for every student. Full attendance maximises learning opportunities and parents/carers have a vital role in promoting good attitudes towards attendance. We ask for support from parents/carers to ensure that their children are present at every opportunity, to arrive on time and to avoid allowing children to stay at home unnecessarily, or taking them out of school without authorisation. Evidence shows that students who attend school regularly make better progress both academically and socially.

We monitor students' attendance closely and will follow up unexplained absence with parents/carers by telephone and/or by letter. Where a students' attendance record reaches a concerning level, we will contact parents/carers to discuss ways in which the school can support you and your child.

It is important to your child's learning that their attendance is excellent. If students are not here, they can't learn. The better their attendance, the more they achieve.

Very Good		Worrying		Causing Serious Concern	
95-100%		90-94.9%		89.9% or less	
The effect of Absence on School Progress					
A whole year has 365 days A school year has only 190 days This leaves 175 days for you to organise holidays and medical appointments					
No absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education					
	180 days of education				
		178 days of education			
			171 days of education		
				161 days of education	
					152 days of education
100% Outstanding	95% Good	94% Concern	90% Worrying	85% Serious concern	80% Serious Concern
Best chance of success		Less chance of success Makes it harder for your child to make progress		Your child will find it difficult to make progress	
Please remember! 90% means the equivalent of one day off a fortnight. Attend every day. Attendance matters.					