



Fun Attendance Quiz ANSWERS



We hope you enjoyed the fun quiz. Here are the answers!

1) What is our current target for school attendance?

Answer: 97%

2) How many zones do we have for attendance? What are the zones?

Answer: There are 4 zones:

Gold (99 and 100%)

Green (97 and 98%),

Amber (93-96%)

Red (92 and below)

3) Who is responsible for ensuring children attend school?

It is the legal responsibility of **parents** to ensure that their child attends school. Parents who fail to ensure that their child attends school without valid reason and/or supporting evidence, may face further intervention and risk legal action being taken against them by the Local Authority.

Children have a responsibility to be respectful towards others to make sure school remains a welcoming environment where all children want to come.

Children also have a responsibility about telling parents when they truly feel unwell. Children who have poor attendance from a young age are more likely to pretend to feel unwell so as to be allowed to stay off school. Consistent attendance patterns help a child learn that attending school is a normal routine in their lives and they are less likely to truant when they are older.

School staff and other professionals have the responsibility to track, monitor and address attendance issues. They also have a duty to report attendance data to the Local Authority.

4) Please consider the list of reasons provided for absence and decide whether they are acceptable or unacceptable?

See pages 2 and 3

5) Who is responsible for authorising absences?

Answer: Head Teacher.

Even when a parent provides a reason for absence the school may decide not to authorise it without supporting evidence. If your child has poor attendance overall it is harder for schools to willingly authorise an absence without evidence.



6) Can parents/carers be fined for lateness?

Answer: Yes. Lateness results in missed learning opportunities for your child. If your child is late for school for 5 minutes every day this is the equivalent of them missing 3 days over a school year.

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May come to School	Reason	Adviseable to stay off School
<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>e.g. Minor coughs and colds Low-level headache Stomach-ache Earrache Sore finger Broken bones (school can make alternative provision for your child under these circumstances). If your child has been directed by a medical professional to stay at home please inform school of this.</p>	Illness	<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>e.g. Chickenpox / Measles / Mumps Highly contagious illnesses Severe migraine Severe stomach pains Conjunctivitis Impetigo Vomitting Diarrhoea If in doubt parents / carers may ask for advice from either school staff or our school nurse.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>Please treat the headlice at home after school / overnight. Children can return to school the following day and should not miss any time from school.</p> <p>If your child has headlice regularly please discuss this with us and we can support you.</p>	Headlice	
<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>If your child's uniform is wet please allow them to wear something else for school for one day only.</p>	Wet uniform	
<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>Children should not miss school when their sibling is absent.</p>	Brother / sister is off school	
<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p>	Birthday	
<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>If you are unable to bring your child to school we ask that you find an alternative person to bring your child to school. If this is not possible then please contact school and if our Welfare Officer is in school on that day she may be able to offer transport to school for one day only until alternative arrangements can be made.</p>	Parent is ill	
<p style="text-align: center;">✓</p> <p>Please find an alternative method of coming to school</p>	Car / Bus broke down	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Family holiday</p> <p>All holidays must be notified in</p>	

	<p>writing to school highlighting the proposed dates.</p> <p>All holidays taken during term-time will not be authorised and as such may be referred on to the Local Authority. This may result in legal action being taken by the Local Authority.</p>	
	Dentist or Doctors appointment	<p>✓</p> <p>Where possible we ask that all dentist and doctor's appointments are made outside of school time. If this is not possible we ask that children attend school either side of the appointment. Please show the appointment card / letter to staff in the school office to ensure that the absence is recorded correctly.</p>
	Hospital appointment	<p>✓</p> <p>Where possible we ask that children attend school either side of the appointment. Please show the appointment card or appointment letter to staff in the school office to ensure that the absence is recorded correctly.</p>
<p>✓</p> <p>We understand that your child may be upset but they will receive appropriate support in school.</p>	Pet died	
<p>✓</p> <p>Don't let the bullies win by allowing your child to stay off school. We want to help. If you feel your child is being bullied please speak to an adult in school.</p>	Bullying	
<p>✓</p> <p>Please ensure that your child has an appropriate bedtime routine so that they can wake the following morning refreshed and ready to learn.</p>	Can't be bothered / too tired	
<p>✓</p> <p>Please encourage and support your child to complete homework at the earliest possible time to avoid this situation.</p>	Haven't done homework	
<p>✓</p> <p>Extended opening hours in shops mean that a child never has to miss school to buy clothes.</p>	Need new clothes	