



Attendance Policy

Childwall Valley Primary School provides an enriching and challenging curriculum in a lively, stimulating learning environment.

Regular Attendance is really important:

In order for your child to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly. Your child should be at school, on time, every day that the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable

Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning.

Any pupil's absence disrupts teaching routines so may affect the learning of others in the same class.

Ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is your legal responsibility and permitting absence from school without a good reason is an offence and may result in prosecution.

Our school target for attendance is **97%**

The table below shows the amount of lost learning a child may have by missing school.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Perfection
99% Attendance	2 Days of Absence	Excellent
97% Attendance	5 Days of Absence	Good
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 days of learning	Very Poor

80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 weeks and 3 Days of learning missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed	Unacceptable

- create a culture in which good attendance is accepted as the norm.
- demonstrate that good attendance and punctuality is valued by the school.

Childwall Valley Primary Aims to:

- maintain and develop effective communication regarding attendance between home and school



Parents are responsible for:

- ensuring that their children are punctual and know the importance of good attendance;
- ensuring their child attends school for at least 97% of the time and is only absent for the reason of genuine illness;
- informing the school on the first day of absence;
- informing the school of any changes to their contact details;
- collecting their children on time

Pupils are responsible for:

- Arriving at school on time
- Knowing the value of good attendance
- Knowing the seriousness of not attending school

- Understanding the good attendance is part of staying safe
- Ensuring all school personnel, pupils and parents are aware of and comply with this policy;
- undertake the daily monitoring of school attendance via the First Response procedure
- monitor trends by using data effectively to help strategic planning;
- target intervention and support to those children that have been highlighted as poor attenders;
- attend regular meetings with the Education Welfare Officer;
- have in place a system for parents to report a child's absence;
- report to the Governing Body the attendance figures and progress to achieving the set

Headteacher and Attendance Team are responsible for :

targets;

- remind parents of their commitment to this policy;
- promote the importance of attendance at all times;
- publicise good attendance during assemblies, newsletters and the termly report to the Governing Body;
- award good attendance rewards to pupils when they have achieved 100% attendance;
- introduce rewards and incentives to encourage punctuality;
- organise training for school personnel on the use and understanding of attendance codes and authorised and unauthorised attendance;
- monitor the effectiveness of this policy and report to Governors

Our attendance team consists of:

Mr Keher	Headteacher & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Evans	Deputy Headteacher & Safeguarding Lead
Mrs Hoos	Designated Attendance Lead, SENDCO and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Miss Thomson	School Business Manager and member of Attendance Team
Mrs Merrison	SENDCO and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Ms Gregory	Family Liaison Officer and member of Attendance Team
Mrs Murray	Administration Officer
Mr Long	Attendance Governor
Mrs Wagner	Education and Welfare Officer

If your child is absent you must:

- Contact us as soon as possible on the first day of absence;
- Send a note in on the first day they return with an explanation of the absence;
- Or, you can speak with your child's class teacher, our Designated Attendance Lead or our Admin team.

If your child is absent school will:

- Telephone you or any named persons on your contact card on the first day of absence if we have not heard from you by 9:10am
- We will continue to try and contact you until a reason for your child's absence has been established.

Attendance Procedures :

- If we are unable to make contact to confirm the reason for the absence then a home visit will be made.
- Any unauthorised absences will be followed up by either class teacher or a member of the attendance team
- If persistent absence continues, you will be invited into school to discuss the situation in an attendance panel with the Attendance Team and / or EWO.
- Medical evidence will be requested in cases where there are regular absences. Failure to provide medical evidence will result in court action being considered or the possibility of a fixed penalty notice.

When there is a pattern of poor attendance then the following procedure will take place:

- Parents are invited to attend an attendance panel meeting with the Attendance Team and Education Welfare Officer to explain their child's repeated absence.
- Support will be given if there are underlying reasons for the absence.
- If not, then the situation will be monitored for improvement.
- If there is no improvement then the Education Welfare Officer will take the appropriate action including fixed penalty notices and court action as appropriate.

Holidays during term time or requests for leave of absence :

Requests for leave should be presented to the Headteacher and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Any requests should be given in writing.

If parents choose to take their child on holiday without permission, they will be subject to a fine.