

# School Success Starts with Attendance



Attendance Percentage	Days missed over a school year
100%	0
95%	9
90%	19
85%	29
80%	38

## How can I help my child?

Only keep your child at home if they are too unwell to attend school.

Contact school via phone call, email or school app if your child is going to absent. Please do so every day your child is going to be absent.

Let school know of any medical appointments and keep children away from school for the least amount of time possible.

Do not take your child out of school during term time for holidays. They will not be authorised.

Be organised to arrive on time. Set routines that your child can help with.

If you need any help or support with attendance or punctuality, please speak to a member of staff.



## Beaconside Primary and Nursery School



## Attendance Every Day Counts

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## We aim for 100% Attendance

We want to provide your children with the best education possible but can only do this if they are in school. We would like every child to attend every day.

### Why is excellent attendance so important?

Pupils with the best attendance will make the best progress, have less gaps in their knowledge and skills, will increase their social skills and ability to interact with peers and teachers and will allow support to be identified and provided earlier in any areas children may find difficult.

### My child's attendance is 90% - isn't that good?

If your child has an attendance rate of 90% across the year then that means they have missed the equivalent of -

½ day missed every week.

OR

Almost 4 whole weeks worth of lessons missed in one academic year.

## Your responsibilities regarding your child's attendance

As a parent/carer, it is your responsibility to ensure that any child of compulsory school age attends school both regularly and on time. The local authority has a duty to ensure that all parents/carers fulfil this duty.

### The School Day

The school gates will be opened everyday at 8.40am and will close at 8.50am, at which time teachers take a register to record pupil attendance.

The registers are kept open for 30 minutes and close at 9.20am. Any pupil arriving before this time will be recorded as late (code L). This does not count as an absence.

If pupils arrive after this time they have to be marked as arriving 'late after registers close' (code U). This does count as an absence for the morning session.

If pupils miss a session due to medical or dental appointments these will be recorded as such, (code M). They do count as an absence on the pupil's attendance record.

### Punctuality

Be on time – 10 to 9.

The school day starts for children as soon as they enter the classroom. Teachers prepare morning activities for pupils and use this time for to consolidate areas of learning.

Arriving just 10 minutes late equates to a lot of missed learning over the school year.

10 minutes a day=

50 minutes a week=

31.5 hours a year

This would amount to almost 5 days missed during the academic year.

