



Attendance Matters

Is 90% attendance a success or failure?

90% attendance means being absent from lessons for the equivalent of one half day a week.

This amounts to 20 days (4 weeks of school) in a year.

85% attendance means being absent from lessons for the equivalent of 30 days (6 weeks of school) in a year.

80% attendance means being absent from lessons for the equivalent of 40 days (8 weeks of school) in a year.

Why is attendance so important?

Research shows that children with higher levels of school attendance are more likely to benefit from education and achieve better test results both at primary and secondary school levels and go on to have more successful careers. Similarly, irregular or poor attendance can lead to underachievement and underperforming in tests and therefore have a detrimental effect upon their careers.

If a child has 80% attendance throughout their time at Buriton School, by the time they leave at the end of Year 6, they will have missed the equivalent of over a year of school!

90% attendance equates to missing more than half a year of school during their primary years!

How to improve attendance

- ❖ Try to make dental / doctors appointments outside of school hours
- ❖ Make sure your child attends school on time, by 8.45am
- ❖ Do not book holidays during term time

Your child has only one chance at school. Help them to make the most of it!