

Attendance Matters!

At Overdale CP school, we take attendance seriously and we make every effort to ensure our children enjoy coming to school. As a result, our attendance figures are always good for the majority of our children and families. We do work very hard on attendance and punctuality and we would like to draw your attention to the chart below. This highlights the impact that attendance or lack of attendance can have on your child, which in turn affects the school, the school budget and how the government categorise the school in terms of attendance.

As you can see, some of the figures are quite shocking to read and the impact of absence on your child's education can be really detrimental. This is purely for your information only, and is an aid to help all our families understand the significance of good attendance on educational outcomes. Can I also reiterate that the majority of children have good attendance and this is something we are proud of and want to continue to maintain and improve.



The effect of absence on school progress					
A whole year has 365 days A school year has only 190 days This leaves: 75 days to spend on family time, holidays, visits, shopping, household jobs and other 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%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very good		Worrying Less chance of success, makes it harder for your child to make progress		Serious concerns Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action	