

DOTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Head Teacher: Becca Butler

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring Term Attendance Information

Days Absent	Days of Absence	Attendance
1	1 day	99.50%
2	2 days	99%
3	3 days	98.50%
4	4 days	98%
5	1 week	97.50%
10	2 weeks	95%
15	3 weeks	92.50%
20	4 weeks	90%
25	5 weeks	87.50%
30	6 weeks	85%
35	7 weeks	82.50%
40	8 weeks	80%

Each term Telford and Wrekin gather schools' attendance information which they compile in order to give an overall picture. Although Dothill's overall attendance compares favourably with the rest of Telford and Wrekin, our number of pupils who are considered 'persistently absent' is higher than other schools in the Local Authority. The government define persistent absence as '90% or below.'

The chart on the left shows what the attendance percentages actually mean. Below 90% means that a child is missing at least 10% of their education. This makes it much harder for them to keep up with their learning and achieve their potential. It can also lead to social issues as they can feel 'left out' of what is happening in school because they 'missed it'.

We know that there are often genuine reasons why children are off school and we do not want a school full of poorly children, however, more than 16% of our school had an attendance lower than 90% in the Spring term.

The governors set us the challenge this year of improving our attendance to pre-Covid levels so we are aiming for an overall attendance of 97%. We have a long way to go yet to do this and we can't do it without your support.

Ways you can help:

- Parents should only allow time off school for serious and important reasons.
- Make certain that wherever possible medical and dental appointments are out of school hours
- Avoid absence of leave in term time. If unavoidable you must complete an absence of leave form, from school four weeks in advance. The head teacher will decide if absence of leave in term time can be authorized.



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- If your child's absence is unavoidable, please contact the school before 9.30am and leave a message.
- Always make sure that you tell us why your child is absent.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance please contact your child's class teacher or speak to me on the gate.

Best wishes

Becca Butler
Head Teacher

