

Look at the impact every single day off school has on your child's annual attendance:

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%

Dothill Primary School

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any problems or would like advice about school attendance.

Attendance Support Team:

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Administrative Assistant:

Mrs Lorna Mellish
01952 386870

Head Teacher:

Mrs Becca Butler

Deputy Head Teacher:

Mrs Nikki Harvey

School Office:

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Attendance and Punctuality

All students are expected to attend morning registration at 8.55am daily.
Parents / carers should always telephone school by 9.30am to report illness / a reason for absence.

"Wise up" to Attendance



Attendance **GOOD** 97%+
6 days absent per year



Attendance **IMPROVE** 95%+
Up to 10 days absence per year



Attendance 90-95%
up to 20 days absent per year.

MUST IMPROVE



Attendance 80-90%= up to 40 days off per year.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Below 90% is considered to be persistent absence and could lead to parents being prosecuted.



What school does to help students and parents improve attendance:

- We keep you informed of your child's attendance and will contact you if concerned.
- We can support you and arrange for you to come into school to discuss any concerns or worries
- We celebrate your child's good attendance.
- We have someone at the end of the telephone who can help you.

What parents can do to 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.

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 Mrs Butler.

What is the Law on Attendance?

Parents/Carers have to make sure that children of school age (i.e. 4-16 years) receive full-time education.



They must make sure that children on roll at school attend regularly.

Parents may be taken to court for breaking the law.

Under the 1996 Education Act section 444, parents may be fined up to £2,500, face 3 months in prison or receive a parenting order.

Under the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 parents may receive a fixed penalty notice of up to £120

Why is school attendance important?

Pupils with good attendance are more likely to do well at school. When pupils miss school, even if the time period is very short, it can lead to gaps in their learning which might make future lessons more difficult for them.

Regular attendance helps pupils to feel part of the school community and enables them to develop good relationships with their peers and other members of the school community. This can have a positive impact on their wellbeing and help them to feel more settled in school.

When a pupil attends school everyday, it helps to establish good routines and habits for their later life.

