

Summer Term 1 Attendance Newsletter 24/25

Attendance, everyone's responsibility.

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Welcome to this term's edition of the Attendance Matters Newsletter. At Fulwood we are committed to fostering an environment where every student thrives. Attendance plays a critical role in academic success, personal growth, and future opportunities. Let's work together to ensure every student achieves their full potential by attending school regularly and on time.

A huge congratulations to all of the 650 pupils that have improved their attendance this half term! Well Done.

What does your child's attendance mean?

Attendance	Days Absent	Attendance	Days Absent	Attendance	Days Absent	Attendance	Days Absent	Attendance	Days Absent
100%	0	90%	19	80%	38	70%	57	60%	76
99%	2	89%	21	79%	40	69%	59	59%	78
98%	4	88%	23	78%	42	68%	61	58%	80
97%	6	87%	25	77%	44	67%	63	57%	82
96%	8	86%	27	76%	46	66%	65	56%	84
95%	10	85%	28	75%	48	65%	66	55%	85
94%	11	84%	30	74%	49	64%	68	54%	87
93%	13	83%	32	73%	51	63%	70	53%	89
92%	15	82%	34	72%	53	62%	72	52%	91
91%	17	81%	36	71%	55	61%	74	51%	93

We recognise that poor attendance impacts pupil performance, with evidence showing that those with lower attendance rates are significantly less likely to achieve good GCSE results. We want to ensure that every pupil has the opportunity to reach their full potential, "Attendance Matters".

New National Attendance Expectations

The Department for Education's updated guidance, Working Together to Improve School Attendance (2024), requires all schools to monitor attendance more closely and take timely action to address concerns. One key change is that penalty notices may now be issued if a pupil has 10 unauthorised sessions (5 school days) of absence within any rolling 10-week period – including persistent lateness after registers close.

Understanding Fulwood's Attendance Banding

To help track attendance and offer the right support at the right time, we use a Graduated Attendance Banding system:

- Band 1 (95–100%): Excellent – keep it up!
- Band 2a (93–95%): Almost there – a School Attendance Champion will check in weekly.
- Band 2b (90–93%): Let's get back on track – your child will have additional monitoring.
- Band 3 and below (<90%): Pupils will be supported by our Attendance Monitoring Team, with home visits, parent meetings, and referrals where needed.

Support Is Available

We know that some absences are unavoidable. That's why we want to work with you. We can help address any barriers affecting attendance through:

- Regular check-ins and family contact
- Early Help Assessments (voluntary support plans involving school, health and local services)
- Referrals to the Family Support Hub in Ribbleton.
- Our monthly Coffee Morning – every first Tuesday at 10:00am, where you can drop in for advice and support

Getting your child to school really matters **Fulwood** academy



Did you know?

In a school year, if your child is late every day by... Your child would have lost approximately... Or they would have missed approximately...

5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

Please encourage punctuality to maintain attendance

Attendance Goals for Next Term

Our target for next term is to achieve a whole-school attendance rate of 95%. Let's work together to make this happen! Remember, everyday counts!

At the end of next term, we will host our Attendance Celebration Assembly, where we'll recognise students, tutor groups, and year groups with outstanding attendance. Prizes include certificates, gift vouchers, and more! Remember that pupils need 100% attendance to go on the Rewards Experience at the end of the Year.

Medical Appointments.

All appointments, where possible, must be arranged after school. Parents should provide advance notice by way of a medical card and/or letter for any time off school required for medical appointments. Time away from school as a result of an appointment must be kept to a minimum – children should not be absent for the whole day/whole morning/whole afternoon. Pupils will not be allowed to leave the school during school hours unless they are collected by a parent.

Punctuality

Polite reminder that the school day starts at 0835am. Any pupils who arrive after 0835am will receive a 45-minute detention on the same day after school. If your child's lateness school persists there will be further sanctions. If your child is later after 30 minutes of registers closing, they will receive an unauthorised U code, this can lead to legal intervention and result in a fixed penalty notice.

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did you know?

If your child's attendance during the school year... Your child would have lost approximately... Or they would have missed approximately...

was 95%	9 days from school	50 lessons
was 90%	19 days from school	100 lessons
was 85%	29 days from school	150 lessons
was 80%	38 days from school	200 lessons
was 75%	48 days from school	250 lessons

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