

Attendance Banding

Your Child's Attendance Matters – What You Need to Know....

Taking Early Action Matters – No Learning Lost!

When pupils return to school after the Easter Holidays, we will be adopting a banding approach to monitoring attendance.

Please contact Miss McQueenie with any questions – d.mcqueenie@fulwoodacademy.co.uk

What is Banding?

At Fulwood, every pupil will be placed into an attendance band based on how often they are in school. Banding helps us spot when a child might need support — and to celebrate excellent attendance too!

Band	Attendance (%)	What It Means
Band 1+	97–100%	Excellent attendance – your child is on track to qualify for the attendance rewards trip.
Band 1	95–97%	Great effort – your child is on track. A small improvement could mean they meet the rewards trip criteria.
Band 2a	93–95%	Nearly there – your child will be assigned a School Attendance Champion to help explore any issues and support improvement. To help maintain strong communication, we may arrange a home visit to offer support during a period of absence.
Band 2b	90–93%	Cause for concern – your child will be supported by a School Attendance Champion to identify any barriers and help get back on track. Attendance will be monitored over a set period of time. To help maintain strong communication, we may arrange a home visit to offer support during a period of absence.
Band 3	85–90%	We'll work closely with you and your child. You'll be contacted by the Attendance Monitoring Team, led by Miss McQueenie. This includes meetings, home visits if absent, medical evidence requests, and formal support. As a last resort, and in line with national attendance procedures, legal interventions may be taken by the local authority when attendance does not improve
Band 4–10	Below 85%	Your child will receive increased monitoring and support from our Attendance Team. External agency involvement and formal processes may begin. As a last resort, and in line with national attendance procedures, legal interventions may be taken by the local authority when attendance does not improve
Band 11	Below 50%	Serious concerns – your child will be assigned a Pupil Welfare Officer for intensive support for them and your family.

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Why Good Attendance Matters

- Better attendance = better grades: Pupils with 95%+ attendance are more likely to meet or exceed their targets in English and Maths.
- Everyday counts: Missing just 1 day every 2 weeks adds up to nearly 4 weeks off in a school year
- Friendships and fun: Regular attendance helps children feel part of their class and enjoy trips, clubs and events.
- Future success: Sixth forms, colleges and employers all look at attendance when making decisions.

How We'll Support Your Child

- Rewards for moving up a band or maintaining good attendance
 - Half-termly celebration events
 - Weekly check-ins from a School Attendance Champion (for Band 2)
- Personalised support for pupils and families from our Attendance and Welfare teams

What You Can Do as a Parent or Carer

- Ensure your child attends every day
- Let us know on the first day of any absence
- Provide medical evidence if requested
- Stay in contact with school and let us know if anything is affecting your child's attendance
- Encourage routines like early bedtimes, healthy breakfasts, and a positive start to the day

Do you know what attendance means over the year?

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