

Autumn Term 1 Attendance Newsletter 25/26

Attendance, everyone's responsibility.

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Attendance Matters

At Fulwood Academy, we continue to place high importance on **excellent attendance and punctuality**. Being in school **every day and on time** is key to academic progress, wellbeing, and future success.

Last year, we introduced our **Graduated Attendance Banding System**, which helps identify and support pupils whose attendance may be slipping. Most pupils are attending well – thank you for your ongoing support.

We encourage all parents and carers to **know which band their child is in**, so you can work with us to maintain or improve their attendance where needed. If you're unsure, please contact the Attendance Team.

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

As a reminder:

- Our expectation is **97% attendance or higher** for every pupil
- **Term-time holidays will not be authorised** under any circumstances
- Any **unauthorised absence of 5 days (10 sessions)** in a 10-week period may lead to a **Fixed Penalty Notice**
- **Persistent lateness**, including arrival **after 8:35am**, will result in a **same-day detention**
- Pupils with attendance below **90%** may be classed as **Persistently Absent** and referred for external support or legal intervention

Attendance at Fulwood Academy: Where Are We Now?

Our current overall attendance is 95.3%. This is below our target, and we need your help to improve! The national expectation is for every pupil to have an attendance rate of at least 97%, and our goal is to meet or exceed this.

We are incredibly proud of the 633 pupils who achieved 100% attendance this half term! Well done to all of you for your dedication and commitment. Keep up the fantastic work, and let's continue to strive for even higher attendance across the academy.

We would also like to congratulate Year 7, who have the highest attendance this term at 98.16%. Brilliant effort—let's keep building on this momentum!

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.

How You Can Help as a Parent or Carer

Here are some steps parents and carers can take to support better attendance:

- **Establish a Routine:** Help your child develop a consistent routine for school days. Ensure they have a regular bedtime and wake-up time to avoid being late or absent.
- **Communicate with Us:** If your child is struggling to attend school regularly, let us know. Early intervention is crucial, and we can offer support, whether it's through academic help or pastoral support.
- **Stay Informed:** Be aware of the importance of attendance. If your child misses school, they miss vital learning opportunities that can be difficult to catch up on.
- **Avoid Term-Time Holidays:** Please ensure that family holidays are taken during school breaks. Unauthorised term-time absences can lead to fines and disrupt your child's education.

Get in Touch

If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's attendance, or if you require any support, please don't hesitate to contact the school's attendance team at attendance@fulwoodacademy.co.uk. We're here to help!

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.

Getting your child to school really matters



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

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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