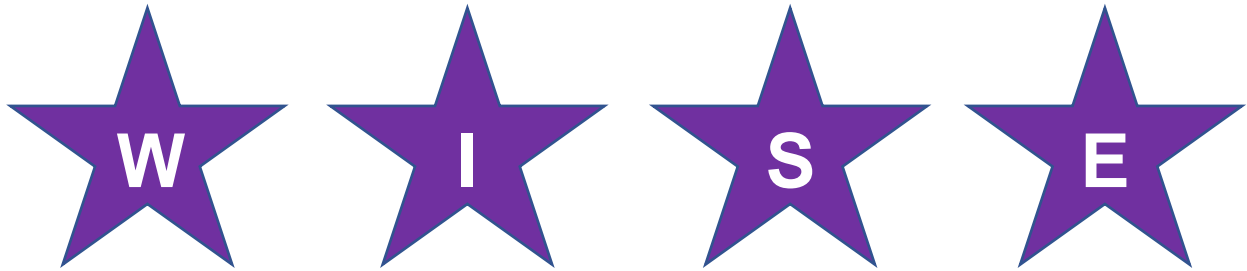




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Pupils' View of School Attendance at Esh Winning Academy

A message for the adults: This guide was put together with the help of pupils from across the Trust. This is a representation of every year group from Reception up to Year 6 who met with the Trust Attendance Lead and their trusted adult in school, to talk about why attendance is important and what we can all do to keep attendance as high as it can be. Please help your child to meet the expectations within this guide.

This is our amazing school!

We come to school on 190 days every year! That sounds a lot but there are still 175 days of the year where we don't have to come to school.



We know that the word for coming to school every day is...

Attendance

...and that attendance is important for us.

Why?

- To learn new things so we can become smart, get the job of our dreams and earn money
- We have better chances if we have good attendance e.g. going to University
- To make friends and socialise
- So that we can get all of our education to take us to the next level
- So we can learn important skills to use in later life
- To have fun, go on trips and do different activities
- So we can tell our grown-ups all about what we have learned
- School helps us be the best person we can be
- So we can live life to the full
- Some of us love the break from our parents too!

At our school, the people in charge of making sure that everyone does the right thing when it comes to attendance are:

Miss Burns (Senior Attendance Champion)
Mrs Hodgson (Head Teacher)

Our Target:

At our school we use an upside-down traffic light to tell us and our adults at home whether our attendance is **GREEN**, **A BIT OF A WORRY**, or **VERY WORRYING**.



<p>96 – 100% (GREAT!) This is where we aim to be because it helps us to do our very best in school and reach our full potential</p>
<p>92 – 95% (A BIT OF A WORRY) Sometimes we get ill and can't come to school. We know we should come back to school as soon as we are feeling better.</p>
<p>Less than 92% (VERY WORRYING) We are more likely to find our work hard and fall behind.</p>



The Law says we have to go to school.

The Law says that our parents and carers (the ones who we live with) have to make sure we go to school every day, unless there is a good enough reason why we can't, for example, if we are too ill.

If our parents don't make sure we go to school then they may have to pay a lot of money to the Government. This is called a fine.



If we don't go to school as often as we should, then this could mean we:

...feel like we've missed out and have to rush to catch up, which is hard to do

...fall behind and don't know what to do. The teacher would have to come and help which means others lose out.

...feel worried about our learning

...lose friends

...feel worried about coming back

...miss important tests



...don't get the job we want

...miss out on all the fun things

...don't learn enough to get us into college when we're older.

We know **the adults in school care about us** and our families. If they don't know where we are then they will worry about us. This means that sometimes our teachers might have to come to our house or speak with our parents / carers. We know that they will try to help us as much as they can if there is ever anything stopping us from coming to school. It is important that we tell our trusted adults if we need any help.

There is a big, looooooong and boring policy for our parents / carers and adults in school to read so that they know what they have to do to help us be in school every day and on time, but...

I can help my parents / carers by:

- Going to bed at a reasonable time
- Getting out of bed and dressed when I am told to
- Making sure I eat my breakfast and get ready before spending time playing

I can help my school to have the BEST attendance by:

- Being kind and respectful towards others so that everyone is happy in school and wants to keep coming in every day
- Behaving well so that everyone feels safe in our school
- Making sure I always come to school when I am feeling well and never pretend to feel poorly just so I can stay at home



Our school starts at 9:00am, but we think it is best to arrive a bit earlier so that we have time to chat and play with our friends before we have to go inside to start our learning. Classrooms open at 8:50am. We also have a breakfast club that we can join.

If we are late, this can disrupt the rest of the class and may even make us feel a bit embarrassed too.

We love all of the different treats that we get for helping our class to have the best attendance. Everyone is in with a chance of winning! This year there are even more chances to win exciting rewards using our new Winopoly Attendance Game!