



Esh Winning Academy: Attendance, Holidays and Planned Absence

**WE'RE
IN
SCHOOL
EVERYDAY**



My name is Reg (short for Register)

I am the attendance mascot for WISE Academies.

At WISE Academies, attendance is one of our top priorities. We are committed to improving school attendance through our whole school approach.

Please read through this booklet so you know what to expect from attendance processes at our school. You can also find our policy on our website. If you don't have internet access then please just ask our office staff to print a copy for you!



Did you know?

Future success starts with good attendance



Good attendance and punctuality are important because:

- children who miss school, miss out;
- there is a direct link between poor attendance/punctuality and underachievement;
- regular attenders are more likely to find school routines and schoolwork easier to cope with and make better progress;
- regular attenders are more likely to build strong social networks, friendships, develop social skills and build resilience which all contribute to positive mental health;
- they are fundamental to a child receiving a solid education which improves the life chances of pupils as they move through secondary school and into adulthood;
- pupils arriving late may cause disruption to the learning of others as well as their own.

Attendance Zones



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.



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.



Less than 92% (VERY WORRYING)

We are more likely to find our work hard and fall behind.

- All of our pupils' attendance is colour-coded based on the number of days that they attend which is then converted into a percentage (as above)
- We expect all of our children to be able to achieve Green Zone attendance levels.
- We will let you know if we become concerned about your child's attendance. This will be done either by telephone, discussion with the teacher, a letter, meeting with our Attendance Lead/Headteacher or a home visit if appropriate.
- If your child's attendance falls **below 96%**, we would like to support you to improve it.





Holidays and planned absence in term-time

Any absence from school will potentially have a detrimental effect on your child's learning and progress. Authorisation will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. **"Generally, the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance" (DfE 2024)** and therefore requests of this nature, **without exceptional circumstances, will not be authorised.** Parents and Carers should plan holidays and other avoidable absences around school breaks and avoid seeking permission from schools to take their children out of school during term time unless it is absolutely unavoidable.

The Education Act (1996) requires parents to ensure their child attends school regularly. There is no automatic right to take your child out of school during term-time. The Law does however allow Headteachers to consider individual requests to authorise leave of absence when they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances to justify an authorised absence. It is the parent's responsibility when submitting the request to provide all the information and evidence to prove exceptional circumstances.

The Headteacher may invite the parent/carer(s) into school to discuss the request before a decision is made. If the Headteacher authorises the leave of absence, it is expected that the child's attendance will be of a satisfactory level both prior and after the date covered by the request.



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