

How we keep you informed

All children are expected to have 100%

Attendance

If attendance drops to 96% the school will be in contact with you to try to ensure it doesn't fall any further. We can work together if there are issues that are affecting school attendance

If attendance falls to near 90% we will be talking to you to see if we can help. If it falls lower than 90% then we will be seriously concerned and we will be in touch with you .

Every term you will receive a traffic light letter showing you the percentage attendance of your child until that time in the year. You will also be advised in your child's report. You will be able to see your child's attendance record.



Who can you or your child speak to if there are problems which affect their attendance

- Admin officer—Mrs Watkinson
- Inclusion Manager—Mrs Weaver
- The class teacher
- The Headteacher—Mrs Cowcher
- Deputy Headteacher—Mrs Willes

And finally

We all want our children to be successful.

We all want them to be confident , happy learners.

We all want the best start in life for our child.

So being in school every day is the best start they can have!

98%=4 days absent

95%= 10 days absent

90% =4 WEEKS absent

85%=5 1/2 WEEKS absent

80%= 7 1/2 WEEKS absent



Help us make sure all our children are in school as much as possible.

HIGH ATTENDERS ARE

GOOD ATTAINERS

It's cool to be in school!

CALMORE INFANT SCHOOL



Regular School

Attendance

The importance of being in school every day and what happens if my child has a high number of absences

our children  our future

Why should your child be in school regularly?

- **It is the LAW**
- It show that parents are committed to ensuring their child makes the best progress
- They do not miss any lessons
- They will have opportunities to make friends and solid social relationships which are important for good learning
- They increase their learning
- Research shows they will do better in their work and tests
- They will be safe
- They will help their class win 'Cool to be in School' treats
- They could win their own good attendance certificate each term. There is a prize at the end of the year for 100% attendance

Who does your child let down when they are not in school regularly?

- THEMSELVES
- You
- Their teachers
- Their friends
- Their classmates
- Their school
- Their community

What if your child is ill?

- Being ill may prevent your child from going to school but ***if they can get out of bed and play, or watch the television they should be in school***
- Coughs and sneezes are **no excuse** not to come to school
- **Feeling tired is not an illness**, they need to go to bed earlier!
- If your child is ill, please contact us by phone by 9am so we can ensure it is noted in the register



What happens when you child is not in school regularly?

- They miss lessons and crucial information and find it hard to catch up
- They will fall behind with their work and can feel worried about this- this can then have the effect that they don't want to come to school because they feel left out of friendships, and they feel they are not at the same level as their friends
- They will not be able to do their best in tests/assessments
- **You will be fined if your child is regularly late arriving after registers closed 9.00.**

Holidays

Hampshire County Council Code of Guidance clearly states that **penalty notice / fine** will be issued against any parent where ;

1. the child has had **unauthorised** absence for **10 session/ 5 days or more and these dates do not need to be consecutive.**
2. A child is **continually late** after registers close at 9.00 and lateness is unauthorised for 10 sessions /5 days or more
3. A child is unauthorised absence during formal tests (Year 1 Year 2 tests)
4. If information comes to light that a child has been recorded as being off ill (authorised) when a holiday has been taken

Please see the Headteacher to discuss any absence from school and complete the formal Leave of Absence form from the office.

For more detailed information please see the Attendance policy and Parent and carer guidance on the school website.

Why is punctuality important?

- Your child will be *calm and ready to begin learning*
- They will not miss the start of the day and see their friends
- They will not disrupt the teacher
- They will not disrupt their classmates
- School bells rings at 8.40am. School starts 8.45 School Gate closes 8.45

