

13th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Attendance Matters!

At Budmouth Academy we aim for every child to reach their full potential. Research shows that children achieve better if they are on time and have good attendance. To provide children with the best education, we aim for every child to achieve at least in line with national standards.

As an Academy we are working to develop a culture of openness and non-judgement regarding attendance and I would like to take this opportunity to speak to our pastoral team if there are attendance concerns. It is only through working together that attendance can improve and our wonderful students fulfil their potential.

We appreciate that during this winter period, flu like absence is more likely to occur. However, good attendance is important because:

- Statistics show a direct link between higher achievement and good attendance.
- Regular attendees make better progress, both socially and academically.
- Regular attendees find school routines and school work easier to cope with.
- Regular attendees find learning more engaging.

At Budmouth Academy we encourage good attendance by:

- Rewarding students who demonstrate excellent attendance.
- Rewarding students who demonstrate our 3 guiding principles following a period of absence.
- Rewarding students who demonstrate the 3 guiding principles on a daily basis through our ACE reward scheme.

Attendance and punctuality is monitored regularly with the Local Authority. Our main objective is to support pupils and their families in raising attendance.

If your child does fall ill or cannot attend school due to exceptional circumstances then please ensure you contact the school on each day of absence, by 9:00am stating the reason. If the school does not receive an explanation for absence or if the explanation is unacceptable, then the absence will be marked as unauthorised. If pupils are absent frequently for medical reasons then a medical note may be requested.

Holidays during term time are discouraged as there are a total of **175 non-school days** in one year. **The Local Authority recommends that no holidays are authorised in term time.** The Local Authority also reserves the right to issue Fixed Penalty Notices should children be taken out of school for the purposes of attending a holiday.

If you do have any problems with getting your child to school then please contact us – ***we are here to help!***

I look forward to working together to ensure our students are in school at every possible opportunity.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Midworth
Vice Principal

What Attendance Really Means...

Days	Attendance	Days Lost	Weeks Lost
190	100.00%	0	
189	99.47%	1	
188	98.95%	2	
187	98.42%	3	
186	97.89%	4	
185	97.37%	5	1 School Week
184	96.84%	6	
183	96.32%	7	
182	95.79%	8	
181	95.26%	9	
180	94.74%	10	2 School Weeks
179	94.21%	11	
178	93.68%	12	
177	93.16%	13	
176	92.63%	14	
175	92.11%	15	3 School Weeks
174	91.58%	16	
173	91.05%	17	
172	90.53%	18	
171	90.00%	19	
170	89.47%	20	4 School Weeks
169	88.95%	21	
168	88.42%	22	
167	87.89%	23	
166	87.37%	24	
165	86.84%	25	5 School Weeks
164	86.32%	26	
163	85.79%	27	
162	85.26%	28	
161	84.74%	29	
160	84.21%	30	6 School Weeks (half a term)
159	83.68%	31	
158	83.16%	32	
157	82.63%	33	
156	82.11%	34	
155	81.58%	35	7 School Weeks
154	81.05%	36	
153	80.53%	37	