



## Wesley Methodist Primary School

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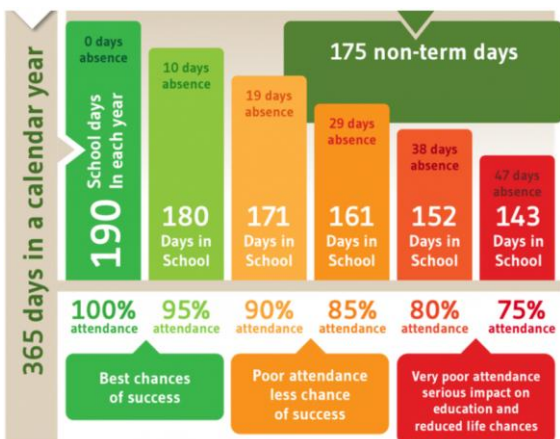
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### Attendance at Wesley

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, as a school we really push for excellent attendance from all our pupils and see this as crucially important to the success and progress our children make over time. Ultimately, the more time our children are in school the better progress they will make. They will attend more lessons, have more time with their teachers and more time with their friends to develop further social skills.

As a school we set a target for overall attendance of 95%, we are currently just below this on 94.7% and want to really push over the remainder of this year to get back up to and above our target.



**DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%**

We celebrate attendance in school in a variety of ways. We have our class award where the top class earns £5, second place earn £3 and third placed class earn £2 on a weekly basis in celebration assembly. We also have a weekly 100% award certificate for those children who have been in, and on time every day of the week. We then celebrate our children who have been in school every day of a half term with a special treat. Last half term we had 108 children have 100% attendance which is incredible and is just over one third of our whole school!

We are also going to be beginning a **new award for attendance** which will also run over a half term. We currently do celebrate those children who have 100% attendance and receive a treat; however, we will also be **placing every child who has 98% and above attendance for a half term into a raffle**. The names will then be drawn out in assembly and first place will receive a £20 amazon voucher, second place will receive a £10 voucher, and third place will receive a £5 voucher. We will run this for this half term and will focus on the attendance between the dates of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. This means every child in school with 98% and above attendance has a chance to win!

If your child does complain that they are feeling unwell in the morning, please do send them into school and let the class teacher know so that we can monitor them through the day. If we feel that they are not well enough to be in school at any point, we will contact you so that you can collect them.

Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve; every school day counts.

We all feel comfortable if our child achieves a high percentage in an assessment. 80% is generally excellent news! The danger is that we may feel the same about attendance, until it is explained:

- **If a child has an attendance percentage of 80% then this is equivalent to missing a whole day every single week.**
- **If a child has an attendance percentage of 80% from Year 1 to 6, then this is equivalent to them missing an entire year of school.**

You can keep a track on your child's attendance through the Arbor app. If you have any questions about your child's attendance or would like to discuss this and further support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr R Jones  
Headteacher

