



**ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW**



Do you think 90% attendance is ok?

Ali's attendance is always about 90%. He thinks this is pretty good, however this actually means...

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri

Absent half a day every week

90% attendance means that he is absent from lessons for the equivalent of half a day every week.

If Ali continues to attend for only 90% of the time, then over 5 years he will miss the equivalent of **half a school year!**

Do you think 80% attendance is ok?

Helen's attendance is always about 80%. She thinks this is acceptable, however this actually means...

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri

Absent one day every week

80% attendance means that she is absent from lessons for the equivalent of one day every week.

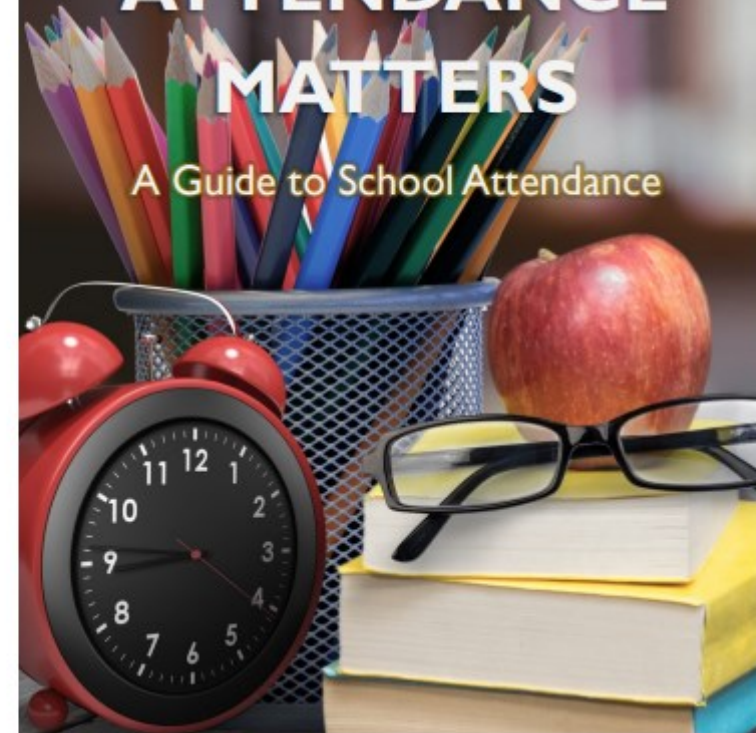
If Helen continues to attend school for only 80% of the time, then over 5 years she will miss the equivalent of **one school year!**



TENBURYHIGH
ORMISTON ACADEMY

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

A Guide to School Attendance



Benefits of high attendance

It gives pupils the best chance of being successful at school and prepares them for the discipline of their future working life.

Pupils at Tenbury High in 2017-18 who had an attendance of 98-96% suffered a drop of 1 grade. Pupils who were classed as persistent absentees suffered a 2 grade drop on average.

It allows pupils to be involved in all activities that the school runs.

It supports pupils to develop positive social relationships with friends and staff.

Poor attendance results in children missing out on key times in their education.

It supports a safe lifestyle.



If your child is ill

Please contact the school via the absence reporting button of Edulink on the first day of absence before 9.00am. If you don't have access to Edulink please email attendance@tenburyhigh.co.uk

Please explain the reason for absence, giving details of illness/injury/medical appointment. Contact the school each day of the absence.

If we don't receive notification, we will phone to establish the reason for absence. If we do not receive an explanation, the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

If your child is late

Any child arriving after 8.45am will need to enter school via reception and sign in, a record of lateness can then be recorded.

We ask for your support in helping your child arrive in school on time, as late arrival not only means your child is missing out, but can also interrupt the learning of others.



Request for leave during term time

Please do not take holidays during term time.

Please do not make routine medical appointments (doctors, dentists, opticians) during the school day.

Government regulations make it clear that parents do not have the right or entitlement to take a child out of school for any leave of absence during term time. The Academy Head will not grant leave of absence unless the reason is deemed 'exceptional circumstances'.

To request any leave of absence you are asked to complete an absence request form 4 weeks before the planned absence. This is available from the school reception office.

Poor attendance

Anything less than 97% is not acceptable.

Where attendance is a concern, you may be invited to meet with the Attendance Officer, Head of Year or the Academy Head.

Poor attendance can lead to a penalty notice fine and court proceedings.

If you are experiencing difficulty with your child's attendance we can offer help and support. Please come and talk to us.

For further information about school attendance, please refer to our school policy which is available on our website.