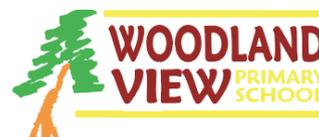


Why is school attendance important?



Good attendance at school is not just valuable, it's essential. Going to school is directly linked to improved academic performance which should in turn lead to further learning opportunities and better job prospects. As well as this, going to Woodland View helps children to learn the importance of our school values (respect, kindness, courage, cooperation, honesty and creativity) and improves children's social, moral, spiritual and cultural development, as well as their physical and mental wellbeing.

Sometimes a child's absence from school cannot be avoided. However, persistent absence will have a significantly negative impact on them. This can result in your child missing key learning, making slow progress, getting anxious, losing social skills, becoming less healthy, missing enjoyable experiences, lacking confidence and slowing their emotional development.

Our school average attendance is usually **97%**. Please read the tables below to see how attendance below our school average equates to actual learning time missed.

Attendance during one school year	How many school days missed?	Approximately how many lessons missed?
95%	9 days	36
90%	19 days	76
85%	29 days	116

This table shows the impact over the whole primary phase (7 years)

Attendance during a child's time at primary school (7 years)	How many school days missed?	Equivalent school weeks missed	Equivalent school years missed	Approximately how many lessons missed?
95%	63 days	13 weeks	Approximately $\frac{1}{3}$ of a school year	252
90%	133 days	27 weeks	Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a school year	532
85%	203 days	41 weeks	Approximately 1 school year	812

Being on time is important too. If your child is 5 minutes late every day they will miss 3 days of learning each year. This adds up to approximately 21 days missed overall during their primary school years.

We want all of our children at Woodland View to have the best chances in life therefore their attendance **must** be the best it can be! If you are having difficulties with your child's attendance, please contact the school office and speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.