

Attendance News

Issue 1: Spring Term 2 2022

At Downside, we know that good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school and help children to establish positive life habits that are necessary for future success.

Our attendance target is 97%

Our current whole school attendance is 92.4%

Research shows that pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to **do well in the future**.

Please help your child to achieve their full potential by ensuring they attend every day.



Term Time Leave

This is just a reminder that there is **no** automatic entitlement in law to time off in school time to go on holiday. Term Time leave will be classed as unauthorised and may attract a **Penalty Notice**.

Importantly if your child has more than 21 days of unauthorised absence, they **may lose their place** at Downside. We have waiting lists for most year groups meaning they may not get the place back!

Family Support

Please remember to make an appointment with Miss Naz if:

- You would like discuss your child's attendance
- You are having any problems getting your child into school
- You are planning to take your child out of school for a trip away

Call the school office to make an appointment.
01582 587 160

Every Day Counts!

Attendance	Number of le hours mis
95%	60 hou
90%	114 hou
80%	228 hou

What can parents do?

- Make sure your child comes to school regularly and on time.
- If your child is too unwell to attend school, please let the school office know as early as possible that your child will not be in and give details of why.
- Bring any medication that your child may be taking to the school office – we are able to administer this at the times directed by you or a doctor so that your child can be in school.