



EASTERSIDE ACADEMY

ATTENDANCE



Autumn Term Attendance Update

As we come to the end of the autumn term, we want to thank all our students and families for their commitment to maintaining strong attendance. This term, we have ended with an overall attendance of 94.9%. While this is a very slight improvement from last year, we know we can do even better! Consistent attendance is vital for learning and progress, and it also embeds excellent work ethics for when pupils are older, preparing them for future education and adulthood.

Breaking Up for Christmas

We will break up for the Christmas holidays today and school will reopen on Monday 5th January. Our goal for the coming year is to reach 97% attendance overall, and we need everyone's support to make this happen. Every day counts-let's work together to ensure pupils are in school, ready to learn, and achieving their best. Wishing you all a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year!



PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance doesn't just involve being present in school – it also involves punctuality.



- Parents have a responsibility to ensure that their child arrives at school on time and stays in school during the day.
- EYs & KS1 doors open at 8:45am and all pupils are expected to be in their classrooms by 8.50am ready to start lessons.
- KS2 doors open at 8:40am and all pupils are expected to be in their classrooms by 8:45am.
- If your child arrives after the doors are closed, children and parents must report to the school office to sign in.



If your child unexpectedly needs to be off school.

- Unplanned absence- On the first day, notify the school by 8:30am with the reason for your child's absence, or as soon as practically possible by calling the school office on **01642 273006**.
- If you are phoning before school starts, please leave a message. Please include your **child's name, class and full reason for absence**.





Planned absence

- Attending a medical or dental appointment will be counted as authorised if you notify the school in advance of the appointment. Please note we may ask to see proof of appointments. When possible, please bring your child to school and collect them later for the appointment.
- If you need to take your child out of school for another reason a request should be submitted as soon as it is anticipated and, where possible, at least two weeks before the absence.
- A copy of the absence request form can be obtained from the school office.
- We will only grant a leave of absence to your child during term time if we consider there to be 'exceptional circumstances'.
- Any request for leave of absence due to holidays in term time will not be authorised. The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for leisure and recreational circumstances, and therefore there is no entitlement in law to time off in term time.



Keeping you up to date about your child's attendance

We will regularly inform you about your child's attendance and absence levels through Parent Evenings and SMS messages.

Attendance is readily available to all parents using the MyChildAtSchool app.



Mrs Southern
Assistant Vice Principal
& SENCo



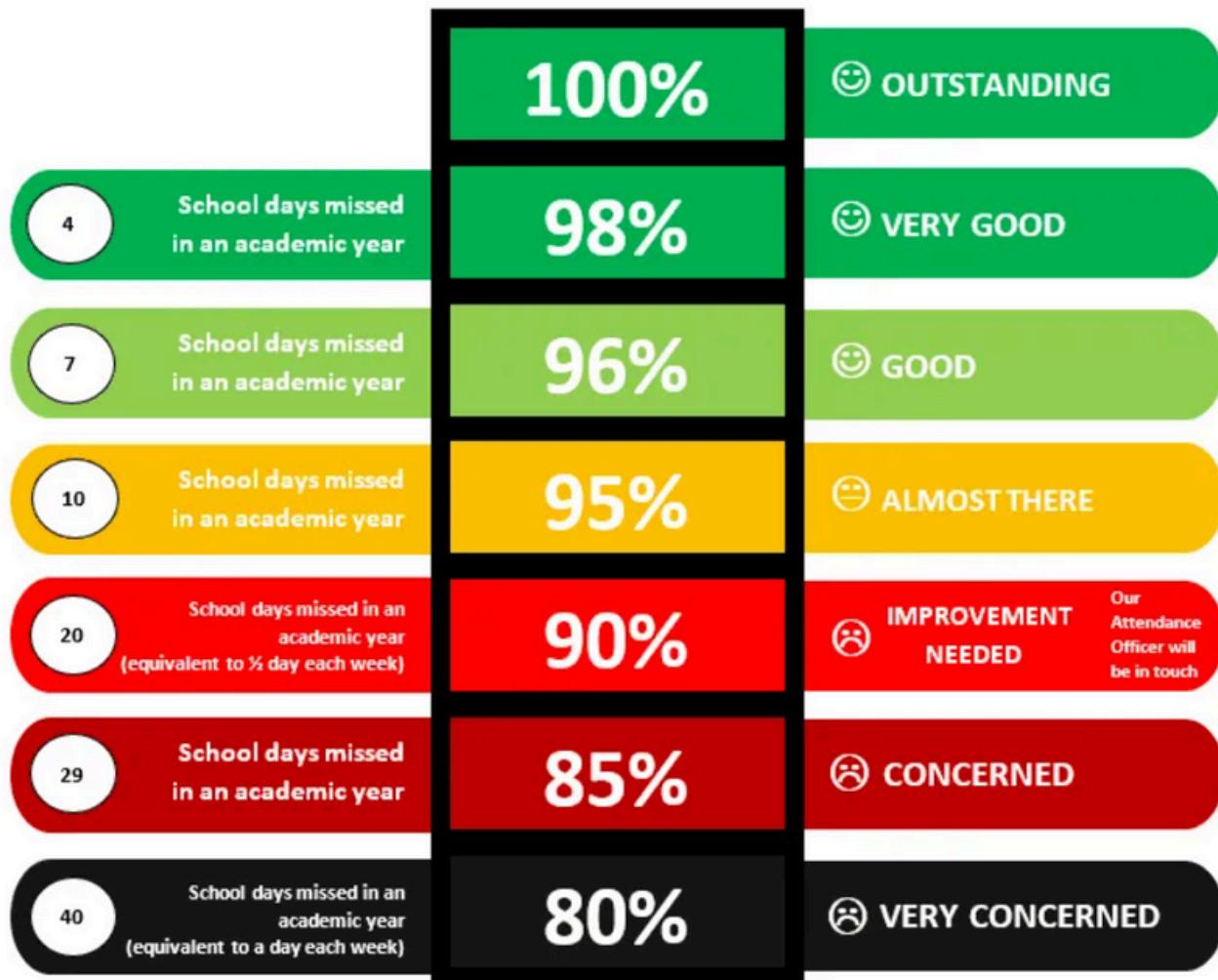
Mrs Brewster
Parent &
Pupil Support Adviser



Where can I get advice and help?

- If you need support in relation to your child's attendance, help is available.
- Please make an appointment with the school to discuss your concerns.
- Most difficulties can be resolved by us working together in partnership, but if further support is required, we can signpost you to other agencies that might be able to support.

Attendance Ladder



Just eight days off school over the year results in your child falling below national average for their attendance.