# **ATTENDANCE**



## **End of Year Newsletter**

#### **Key Data**

Year 7: 95.6%

Year 8: 95.2%

Year 9: 93.6%

Year 10: 93.4%

Whole school:

93.5%

National: 90.1%

## Introduction

At Madeley School we understand the importance of good attendance at school and the impact it potentially has on our students social, emotional, mental and academic wellbeing.

In this newsletter we want to give you an overview of the school's attendance this academic year and the support available to parents and carers whose child may struggle to attend.



### **Persistent Absence**

Persistent absence refers to any student whose attendance falls below 90%. This is the data for each year group for this academic year so far:

Year group:	Persistent absence				
7	7.10%				
8	8.20%				
9	17.40%				
10	20.50%				

#### Late to School

The school day starts at 8.35am. Any student arriving to school after this time is late and after 9am it is recorded as an unauthorised absence, as registration is closed. The number of students arriving late to school has increase significantly, with a higher percentage being driven to school

Year group:	Late to school					
7	1.40%					
8	1.30%					
9	3.00%					
10	2.80%					

and who walk. More to follow on this in our September newsletter.

#### **Requests for leave**

We have seen a significant increase in the number of parents and carers who are requesting leave for a holiday during term time. The DfE and Staffordshire County Council has instructed schools not to grant permission for these requests under any circumstances. If the time requested results in 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence (5 school days), then school are directed to inform the local authority who will then issue a fixed penalty notice. Please see our website for further information on this.

This academic year parents and carers have requested in total 657 sessions (328.5 days) for family holidays!

#### 0 have been authorised

#### Monthly overview of attendance for this academic year so far:

2024-25	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
All students	95.96%	95.48%	94.70%	94.50%	94.46%	94.53%	94.43%	94.37%	94.31%	94.59%
Year 7	97.9%	98.32%	97.10%	96.62%	96.19%	96.10%	95.91%	95.83%	95.80%	95.62%
Year 8	95.4%	95.63%	94.90%	94.49%	95.11%	95.70%	95.57%	95.49%	95.45%	95.36%
Year 9	94.3%	95.05%	93.50%	93.87%	94.03%	93.90%	93.94%	94.97%	93.85%	93.71%
Year 10	94.9%	96.13%	94.20%	93.31%	92.99%	93.10%	93.04%	93%	92.89%	93.43%

## How we can support your child attending school.

- Provide a mentor or buddy for your child to talk to who they can trust.
- Put together a bespoke support programme to build confidence in returning to school and catching up with missed learning.
- Attendance clinics to support parents and carers in identifying barriers and action planning to address them.
- Parents/carers know their children best and are well-placed to support them
  to recognise and manage their normal emotions. Having regular meetings
  with school to discuss and support your child's needs.
- Providing additional support where needed for example, the school nurse, emotional coaching, mental health support teams etc.

#### Please contact us at school if you feel we can support in any way.