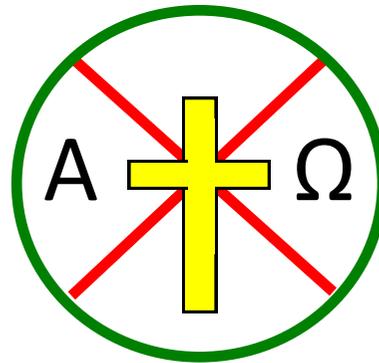


It is acknowledged that a great majority of our families ensure that their children attend school regularly.

We are forever seeking to improve the attendance of children of families who continue to take: "term time" holidays/book opticians/dental appointments in school time or do not make arrangements for children to attend school if a family member is ill.

Every half day counts.



As you are aware, one of our priorities is to improve our school attendance. Last Year we achieved 96.4%. Our school target is 97%. The Local Authority is keeping a close eye on our school percentage rates of attendance and the pupils who persistently are absent from school.

Referrals are sent to the Local Authority, which may result in a home visit.

#### UNAUTHORISED

#### ABSENCE

Please do not make travel arrangements or book tickets until the school has authorised the leave.

If leave is taken without prior permission from the school, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised and reported to the Local Authority and could result in a fixed penalty fine or legal proceedings.

#### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Working together to improve our attendance to

**97%**

**Can we do it?**

There are only 190 school days in a year and we want to see every child at school every day because

Every school day counts!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

All schools must report their termly attendance percentages to the Local Authority.

#### Ofsted Inspection

New regulations introduced by Ofsted means that Ofsted will compare our school Attendance Percentages with the National Averages, which are above 95%.

It has been shown nationally that children who attend school regularly are more confident socially and achieve higher standards across all areas.