

Attendance at Broad Square Primary School

Our school aims to ensure that all children receive an education that maximises opportunities for each pupil to realise their full potential. **Our target for attendance is 97% and above. We can achieve this target if we work together!**

REMEMBER: EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

HOW CAN PARENTS AND CARERS HELP?

1. The main reason children are absent from school is due to illness. **Keeping healthy** is therefore vitally important, especially during the winter months. If your child is healthy, they will then be able to attend school more regularly. Parents can help by ensuring their children stay healthy: by encouraging your child to take exercise, ensure they get enough sleep and eating a healthy diet.
2. To **use good common sense** when deciding whether your child needs to stay off school. Please remember that early morning aches and pains often pass, so don't keep your child at home 'just in case' when they could be learning in class. If you are unsure please bring your child into school (with a pain killer medicine if needed as a precaution). Let the class teacher or office staff know how your child is feeling and they can keep a close eye on them. If it becomes clear that your child is too poorly to stay then we would contact you.
3. Try to make all dental and medical appointments outside of school times or at weekends.
4. **Take family holidays in school holiday times not term time.**
5. Contact school immediately if your child becomes upset about coming to school. We can help your child to become happy in coming!

Children who do not attend school regularly are more likely to:-

- **Fall behind in their school work and find it harder when they return**
 - **Find it difficult to make and keep friends**
 - **Be unhappy at school**
- **Become involved in antisocial behaviour**

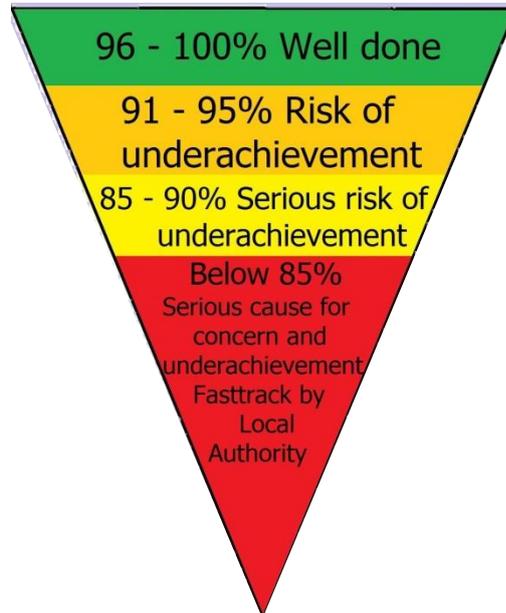
What is Good Attendance?

The Government's target for school attendance is 97% and above. You may think that 90% attendance is good, however, this equates to your child being absent from school for one half day every week and would add up to the equivalent of **1 month** absent from school in a year.

HOW CAN SCHOOL HELP?

- If you need help or support with your child's attendance please do not hesitate to contact our school mentor **Mr. Singleton** on 0151 226 1117.
- Our School Education Welfare Officer is **Paula O'Donnell** and she is available by appointment on Wednesdays.
- All children who have been in school all week are placed into a weekly raffle to win a prize.
- School encourages attendance on a termly basis by awarding individual pupils with 100% attendance certificates. Those children at the end of the year with 100% attendance receive a gift voucher.

- The class with the best attendance each week receive the 'Attendance cup' and place a block on the attendance board towards an end of year class treat.
- Classes with 100% attendance on 'Marvellous Mondays' and 'Fantastic Fridays' receive a treat on that day.



PLEASE HELP YOUR CHILD TO BECOME THE BEST THEY CAN BE!