



# Attendance

## MATTERS

### Oyster Park Primary Academy

#### 175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR

175 days to spend on visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments

190 school days in each year	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence = Half a term missed	38 days absence	47 days absence
190 DAYS OF SCHOOL	180 DAYS OF SCHOOL	171 DAYS OF SCHOOL	161 DAYS OF SCHOOL	152 DAYS OF SCHOOL	143 DAYS OF SCHOOL
<b>100%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>GOOD Best chance of success</b>		<b>WORRYING Less chance of success. Harder to make progress</b>		<b>SERIOUS CONCERNS Not fair on your child. Possible Court action.</b>	

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and co-operation!

For further Support or additional information, please contact reception and make an appointment with Mrs Bodycombe or Mrs Mohammad



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#### Did you know?

90% attendance is  $\frac{1}{2}$  a day missed every week.

90% attendance is equivalent to **4 whole weeks** of lessons missed!

Last year our attendance was **95.4%**

This year our target is **96%**



Regular attendance at Oyster Park Primary Academy is very important for children to achieve the best they can. If children are absent from school, it not only affects their education but it also has a negative impact on them both socially and emotionally.

Although we aim for 100% attendance, each year we set a target for attendance and this is used to compare us to other schools nationally. Our current target is **96%** attendance. Attending school every day will help give your child the best possible start in life.

#### Going to school every day means:

- ✓ learning new skills
- ✓ making friends
- ✓ having lots of fun
- ✓ building lasting relationships
- ✓ developing an awareness of other cultures, religions, ethnicity and gender differences
- ✓ taking part in exciting activities
- ✓ to gain qualifications

**You can help us to help your child by encouraging regular school attendance.**

## Punctuality



Missing just **15 minutes of school a day** is the same as missing two weeks over the year.

Not only is it important to come to school every day but it is equally important to make sure children are on time.

**OFSTED** graded the school as *Good* for Behaviour and Welfare.

They acknowledged our strong focus on improving attendance and punctuality, and the positive impact this has had.



## Opening Times:

Being late to school means that your child is missing learning time and most probably their early morning activity. The early morning activity gets them ready to learn for the rest of the day.

Nursery Morning Session: 08:30am – 11:30am  
Nursery Afternoon Session: 12:15pm

KS1: 08:50am – 3:00pm

KS2: 08:50am – 3:05pm

Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am (a charge will be incurred)

## Absences from School

At Oyster Park Primary Academy, we understand that sometimes it is necessary for children to be absent from school. However, if you require time off school for your children you should always contact school first. Please remember that if you incur 5 days (10 sessions) of unauthorised absence you may be fined by the local authority.

## Sickness

If your children are too ill to come to school, you must telephone or come into school to see us as soon as possible, preferably before 9:00am. Our telephone number is 01977 515994. Children can often cope in school with colds, headaches and minor tummy aches so please send them in. Minor illnesses do not justify time off school. If in doubt, it is better to send your child into school and if we feel they are too unwell, we will call you and send your child home.

## Medical/Dental Appointments

All medical and dental appointments should be made after school or in the school holidays. Only emergency appointments are allowed during school time. If you are experiencing difficulty with arranging appointments out of school time please discuss this with school.

## Compassionate Leave

Sometimes, families experience difficulties such as the death of a close family member. In which case, it is possible to ask the Headteacher for compassionate leave. Please contact the Headteacher to discuss this.

## Holidays in Term Time

Since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013, schools have not and will not authorise requests for holidays during term time, in line with Academy procedures, unless there are exceptional circumstances. The new law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday when school is in session. Parents who take their children out of school for a holiday can incur a £60 fine per parent per child from the local authority, if paid within 21 days.

Research shows that breaks of 1 week or more from school often leads to pupils falling behind in their work and that some of these children never catch up. Holidays during term time are NOT a right or entitlement and parents should not regard a holiday during term time as the norm.

**AMBITION ● BRAVERY ● RESPECT**

## Weather



Children are required to come to school every day. Rain, wind and snow are not reasons to keep your children off school.

We do occasionally experience extreme weather conditions, if you are ever experiencing difficulty in getting your child to and from school due to bad weather please contact school for advice.

Do not presume that school will be closed, contact us first. School inform parents via our website and Facebook page, if it is closed. If unsure please contact school by phone.

