

Jarrow Cross CofE  
Primary School

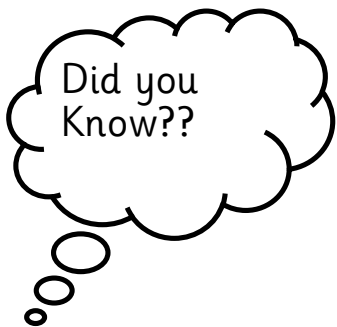


# Attendance Matters

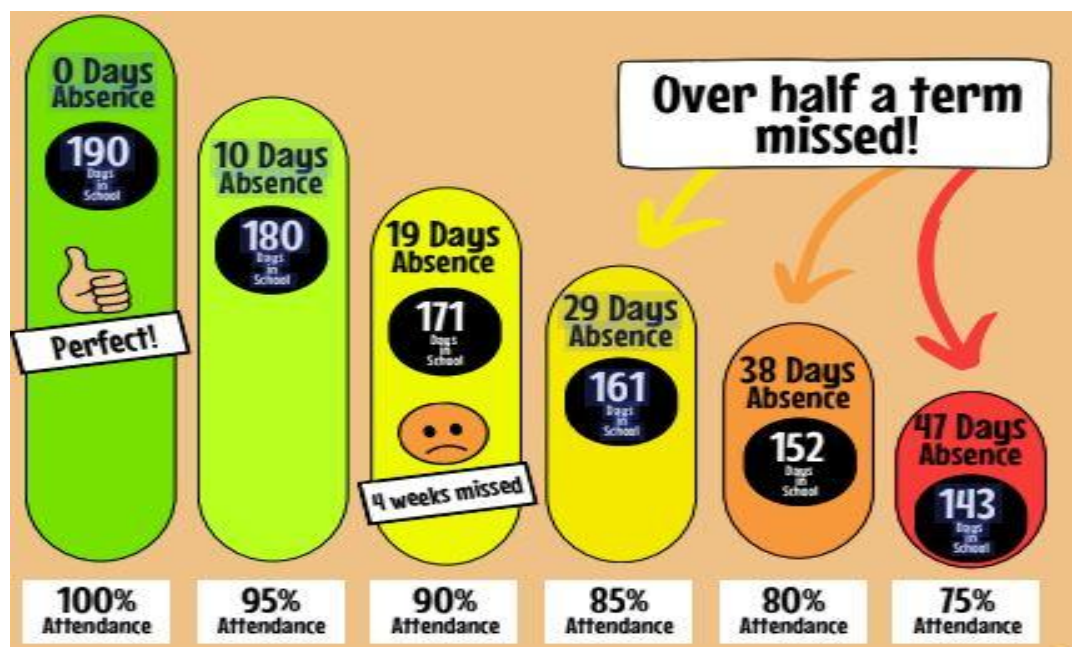


## Why does attendance matter?

There is a direct link between attendance and attainment. In particular, attendance rates which fall below 95% (10 missed days) over the school year gives serious cause for concern. We are striving to improve attendance across the school with added focus being given to children who fall below 95%. At Jarrow Cross, we follow a four stage attendance monitoring system which is used to monitor levels of your child's attendance.



### Attendance Percentage



If your child misses school they can also:

- Feel left out/isolated
- May have friendship problems
- May fall behind with their work
- Could miss educational visits

**GOOD ATTENDANCE = GOOD ATTAINMENT**



## **First Day and Third Day Response!**

- You must contact school on the first day of absence to let us know the reason your child is absent. School can be contacted by calling 0191 4898354. You can either leave a message or speak to the office staff. Alternatively, you can e-mail [attendance@jarrowcross-pri.s-tyneside.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@jarrowcross-pri.s-tyneside.sch.uk) to provide a reason. Dojo messages are not accepted.
- If school is not contacted by 9.30am a text message will be sent to parents/guardians. If no contact is received by school a call to parents/guardians will be made and an email from school will also be sent.
- If there is no response from parents/guardians, school will record the absence as unauthorised.
- If your child is absent for two days (including a weekend) and school has not received an explanation, you will receive a home visit from our Family Welfare Officer.
- 10 unauthorised absences (5 days) in a 10 week school period could result in a fine from the local authority. The cost of a fine is £80 per parent per child. If you have another 5 days unauthorised absence within a 2 year period you will automatically be fined £160 by the local authority. Another 5 days unauthorised absence within a 3 year period will unfortunately result in court action.

# **What are authorised and unauthorised absences?**

## **Authorised Absences**

Bereavement

Medical/Illness

Exceptional circumstances

Religious Observance

## **Unauthorised Absences**

Visits to relatives

Holidays

Does not want to come to school

Birthdays

Gets up late and does not come into school



## **Lateness?**

- Children should arrive at school between 8.45am-9am.
- Any child that arrives after 9am will receive a late mark.

## **Consequences of lateness:**

- Miss registration, meet and greet
- Regularly missing key morning lessons
- Feel unsettled
- Unsettle other children
- Miss instructions for start of day
- Get into bad habits

Did you also  
know ...?

In one academic year if a child is:-

- 5 minutes late each day = 3 days of learning lost
- 10 minutes late each day = 6.5 of learning days lost
- 15 minutes late each day = 10 days of learning lost
- 20 minutes late each day = 20 days of learning lost

**Persistent lateness can result in prosecution**



## **Let's Celebrate!**



We celebrate the class with the best attendance from the previous week. We add the winning class to the attendance display which is in the main corridor of school. The class who has the best attendance at the end of the term will receive an award.

Children with 100% attendance, or significantly improved attendance, at the end of every term are invited with their parents/guardians to attend an Attendance Celebration assembly. Children will be awarded a special certificate and badge. Parents/guardians then take part in a raffle where they can win a prize.





## **Do you need support?**

Here are some contact/agencies that could support you and your family.

### Contact Information

Mr Taggart — Head Teacher

Miss Stobbs — Family Welfare Officer

School office - 0191 4898354

School absence e-mail –

[attendance@jarrowcross-pri.s-tyneside.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@jarrowcross-pri.s-tyneside.sch.uk)

School Nurse — 0191 2831714

Early Help — 0191 4246210

Life Cycles — 0191 2832937

Healthy Minds Team – 0191 2832937

If we work together we can help your child to feel happy, secure and be a successful learner.

## **EVERY DAY COUNTS!**