



Attendance Statement

Attendance at the School has been well above both Lancashire and National averages overall in the last five years. School has worked with the attendance team to improve these figures further. Procedures for authorising holidays are robust, and have resulted in fewer holidays being taken during term time. Absence requests also consider past attendance records, academic progress and whether the child would miss additional support. Letters are sent home when the attendance levels drop below 90%. Parents are actively encouraged to work with School and, in the main, ensure that we are informed early of absences. School has also worked in recent years to reduce the number of children leaving for appointments, with some success.

With the support of Governors, our school successfully trialled grouping INSET days together to enable parents to have extended holidays, without requiring time off school. This will be repeated wherever possible to maintain high attendance rates.

School also promotes good attendance through class and individual attendance awards and rewards for children who are not late. This has had some improvement with children who have poorer attendance and a huge impact on punctuality.

Historical Attendance Figures

	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17 (To March 17)
Actual Attendance	97.4%	97.8%	97.6%	97.6%	97.8%
	2.4% Authorised	2.1% Authorised	2.0% Authorised	1.9% Authorised	2.0% Authorised
	0.2% Unauthorised	0.2% Unauthorised	0.5% Unauthorised	0.5% Unauthorised	0.2% Unauthorised
Persistent Absence	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

For comparison, in 2015/16 the National average was 96.1% and Lancashire average was 96.8%.