

# Annual Attendance Report – 2016-2017



## School Average Attendance Figure 2016-2017:

Caddington Village School's attendance figures place us near the bottom of all primary schools in England. The school attendance figure for 2016-2017 was **92.11%**. This is **below** the national average of 96% (2015-2016 figure).

It is of paramount importance that the whole school community works together to promote good attendance and values every minute of the school year.

## Actions:

To promote good attendance, the following actions were taken:

- 'Attendance' was made a key priority in the 2016-2017 School Improvement Plan
- 'Attendance and Punctuality Guidance' was updated; displayed on the school website and issued to parents
- Regular attendance articles were placed in school newsletters
- Bronze, silver and gold attendance badges continued to award pupils for good attendance
- Staff training was delivered to inform teachers of new procedures, guidance and protocols
- Initial letters of concern, Med 1 letters and Fixed Penalty Notices were issued to parents (£60.00 per child, per parent/carer)
- Termly register checks have taken place with the School Attendance Officer
- Attendance data was communicated to parents via pupils end of year school reports

**Persistent Absentees** – A persistent absentee is a pupil whose attendance falls below 90%. This equates to a pupil missing half a day from school for every week of the year: This is the equivalent of missing approximately 120 hours of classroom learning time. The following data relates to persistent absentees:

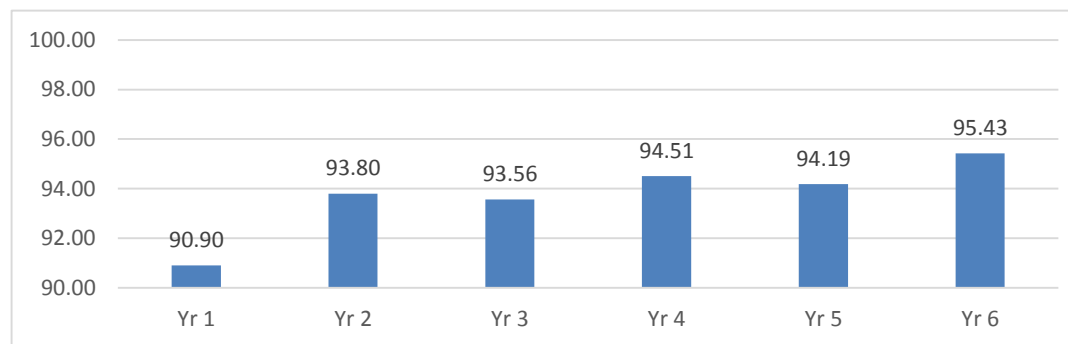
- **40** pupils in years 1 – 6 (11.9% of pupils) and **6** Reception pupils were persistent absentees at the end of July 2017
- **80** initial letters of concern were issued to parents
- **34** Med 1 letters were issued to parents
- **21** Fixed Penalty Notices were issued to parents

## Rewards and Celebrations:

- **48** pupils attained 100% attendance for the whole academic year and received a **GOLD** attendance badge
- **105** pupils received a **SILVER** attendance badge for 2 complete terms of 100% attendance
- **221** pupils received a **BRONZE** attendance badge for 1 complete term of 100% attendance



## Attendance Graph: Class Average Percentages for 2016/2017



**Working together to improve attendance** - There are certain myths that some parents hold which are **MYTH BUSTED** below.

- 1) "It is okay to take a holiday at the end of term because the children don't do any learning then; the school winds down for the holidays." This is **FALSE**. Learning takes place throughout the entire academic year and normal lessons continue up to and throughout the last day of term.
- 2) "A week off school won't impact upon my child's education." This is **FALSE**. A week away from school is the equivalent of approximately 30 hours of learning. It is very difficult for a child to catch up with the learning that has taken place while they are away and this can leave them feeling overwhelmed. Some children also find they may feel isolated upon returning to school as their friends often find others to spend time with.

## Please help your child and the school by:

- Not taking holidays during term time
- Making medical appointments outside of the school day
- Ensuring that pupils are punctual for school
- Encouraging resilience, independence and good choices
- Talking positively about the importance of learning
- Celebrating your child's attendance achievements with them

**Thank you for your support**

