

Attendance Statistics

- ◆ 52 weeks in a calendar year—38 weeks in a school year
- ◆ No time off = 100% attendance , 10 days off = 94.7%
- ◆ If your child misses one week of school they will miss over **20 hours** of their education.
- ◆ If your child has two weeks holiday during term time and one week illness during the school year their attendance will be 92.1% If this pattern is repeated throughout their school life, they would miss **33 weeks** of their education, **almost a year!**
- ◆ Research shows that children who are absent from school may never catch up on work they have missed. This does affect the progress they make at school and ultimately their exam results
- ◆ Every school day counts if your child is to maximise their potential.

Ways For Parents To Encourage Attendance:

Praise & reward good attendance.

Talk regularly with your child about school & how they feel about it. They are more likely to attend if they feel supported.

Only grant days at home for genuine illness.

Don't take holidays during school time.

If you have any concerns, please ring school.

We hope you will support us in our drive to continue to improve attendance at Jump Primary and thank you in advance for your support.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



**Increase Your Child's Attendance
And Increase Their Chance
Of Success**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Every school in our area agrees that good attendance and punctuality is very, very important in order for your child to do well and make progress in school.

If your child was to miss the equivalent of one day a week this would add up to one and a half years absence from school between the age of 3 and 11. You can imagine the effects this would have on a child's progress in school and on their future prospects.

We know you value school and you try to ensure your child attends regularly. However, as a school, we have a duty of care to monitor attendance and punctuality closely and act when attendance drops.

We are not asking that any child attends school when they are genuinely ill, but absence does need to be kept to a minimum.

Thank you
Mrs Falconer
Headteacher

From September 2013, if your child's attendance falls below 95%, you will be notified and you may be offered support and advice from our Educational Welfare Officer [EWO]

It is important for parents and carers to contact school with the reason for absence when your child is unable to attend. This also applies to our Nursery children.

HOLIDAYS

From September 2013, holidays are no longer authorised except in 'exceptional circumstances'.

Our school policy (approved by Governors) includes:

- Half termly certificates awarded to each child with excellent attendance
- Termly letters to parents congratulating them on their child's attendance
- Weekly reward for the class achieving the best attendance (a leaf on the attendance tree, a cup to display in the classroom for the week and extra playtime on the adventure play area dependent on the percentage attendance
 - 95% = 5min
 - 97% = 10min
 - 100% = 15min
- Annual reward for the class with the best attendance