



EVERY

SCHOOL DAY

COUNTS

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Children learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.



This year our attendance target is 96.6%

Great Denham Attendance Rewards

WEEKLY

ATTENDANCE % WILL BE READ OUT FOR EACH CLASS IN ASSEMBLY AND WINNING CLASS WILL BE AWARDED THE ATTENDANCE TEDDY. INDIVIDUALS WITH 100% WILL BE GIVEN A RAFFLE TICKET FOR THE END OF TERM RAFFLE; CLASS TEACHERS WILL ENSURE CHILDREN KNOW THEIR % FOR THE WEEK.

HALF TERM

GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE STICKERS IN ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLY FOR CHILDREN WITH BETWEEN 96 – 100% FOR THE HALF TERM.

TERM

INDIVIDUAL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATES GOLD, SILVER, AND BRONZE. 100% CLASS RAFFLES.

YEARLY

END OF YEAR REWARD FOR ALL CHILDREN WITH ATTENDANCE OF 99- 100% FOR WHOLE ACADEMIC YEAR.

What parents can do to help?



Ensure your child attends school every day and on time



If your child is not well enough to attend school contact the school on the first day of absence



Try to make dental and medical appointments outside of school time or at weekends



Take family holidays during the school holiday, if this is not possible you **must** ask permission from the school

Too poorly to attend?



Use good common sense when deciding whether your child needs to stay at home. Work on the basis that sick children belong at home and well children in school. Please remember that early morning aches and pains often pass, so don't keep your child at home 'just in case' when they could be learning in class. We will call you if your child is too poorly to remain in school.

Cough and Cold

A child may attend school with a minor cold or cough.

Minor aches and pains

If your child has a persistent tooth or ear ache they need to see a doctor or dentist without delay. Please try to make emergency appointments for the end of the school day where possible. A child whose only complaint is a minor headache does not normally need to be kept at home, please give them a dose of Calpol and trust us that we will call you if we are worried about them.

Sickness or diarrhoea

Children must stay at home for 48 hours from the last outburst of sickness or diarrhoea.

Holidays in term time



The Government has made amendments to the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 which come into force on 1st September 2013. These state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence for holidays during the term time unless there are exceptional circumstances; in these cases it is the Headteacher who determines the number of days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

As a consequence of these changes the Headteacher will be unable to approve requests for leave of absence for reasons that are not considered to be special or exceptional such as:

- Availability of cheap holidays and cheap travel arrangements
- Days overlapping with beginning or end of term

Parents needing leave of absence for exceptional circumstances should complete a form, available at the school office or on the website, at least two weeks before the anticipated start date. The reason for the request should be given in detail. Applications should be made before the leave is arranged as absences will not be granted retrospectively. Please note we have arranged for 3 of our training days in 2016 - 2017 and 2017 - 2018 to take place later than most schools so this will give families the opportunity to take a later and potentially cheaper holiday should they wish at the beginning of September.

Lateness



Being late for school can also affect your child's performance in school. At Great Denham teachers begin teaching at 8.45am in the main school and 8.50am in the early years. If your child is late they are likely to miss the start of, for example, a Maths lesson. Please try to get your child to school on time. If you are struggling to get your child or children to school on time please see Sarah our Family Support Worker as she will be able to offer you support.

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/ She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>