# Cumberworth C.E. (A) First School 

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Please allow me to write to you to ask for your ongoing support in respect of ensuring that your child's attendance in school is good and even better.

If a child of compulsory school age is registered at a school it is essential that they attend school regularly to allow a child to fulfil their potential.

For a school to be considered to have good attendance we must have attendance of at least $97 \%$. Our current school attendance is $96.58 \%$

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading. For some parents $90 \%$ attendance may seem like an acceptable level of attendance. However, the reality is that $90 \%$ attendance means that your child will miss half a day of school each week or 19 days of school during the school year. That is nearly four school weeks.

The table below shows the amount of lost learning a child may have by missing school.

| $100 \%$ attendance | Zero days missed | Perfection! |
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| $99 \%$ attendance | Two days of absence across the year | Excellent! |
| $97 \%$ attendance | Five days of absence across the year | Good |
| $95 \%$ attendance | Nine days of absence across the year: one week and four days <br> of learning missed. | Satisfactory |
| $90 \%$ attendance | Nineteen days of absence across the year; three weeks and four <br> days of learning missed | Poor |
| $85 \%$ attendance | Twenty-eight days of absence across the year: five weeks and <br> three days of learning missed. | Very Poor |
| $80 \%$ attendance | Thirty-eight days of absence across the year: seven weeks and 3 <br> days of learning missed. | Unacceptable |
| $75 \%$ attendance | Forty-six days of absence across the year: nine weeks and one <br> day of learning missed. | Unacceptable |

[^0]If your child is genuinely unwell and unable to attend school, please telephone the school office by 9:30am and inform us. We must have a reason for every time a child is absent from school.

The school has an Attendance Policy and we will look to following the set procedures to ensure that we support your child's good attendance at school. The Attendance Policy can be found on our website and we ask that you to read this.

Once again, I thank you for all your support and together we can ensure that the pupils' attendance at Cumberworth First School is good and improving.

Yours Sincerely,

Debbie Davis
Interim Headteacher


[^0]:    Absences
    Holidays during term time are not authorised and any holiday taken during term time will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. Any child absent from school due to a holiday will miss out on important learning and will fall behind with their school work. There are only 190 statutory school days leaving plenty of time for holidays to be arranged outside of term time. Similarly, other Leave of Absence requests may not be authorised.

    Please support us by making doctor, dentist and medical appointments outside of school hours when possible and ensure your child arrives at school on time.

