

# BOSMERE JUNIOR SCHOOL

## ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT



*Bosmere Junior School believes in working with parents to improve punctuality and attendance. We are aiming for a good rating and our target is 95%.*

The following people at school can help if you have any queries:

Home School Link Worker: Mrs K Lever

Your Child's Class Teacher

Headteacher: Mrs K Robinson

Polly is in Year 3 and has 90% attendance.  
Is that GOOD? - Great result for an exam!  
BUT IT IS **A VERY POOR RESULT FOR AN ATTENDANCE ACHIEVEMENT.**

So what does it mean if Polly does not  
come to school?  
90% attendance = half a day missed each week.

Over a year this would be equal to missing  
**4 whole weeks of lessons.**

Over just 3 years at Bosmere School, this would be the  
equivalent of **one whole term missed.**

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN POLLY DOESN'T COME TO SCHOOL?



*I won't  
achieve my  
learning  
targets*



*My teacher  
would be  
unhappy that  
I am not  
there.*



*My mum and  
dad might get  
into trouble*

*I will feel different  
to other children  
in my class*



*I will fall  
behind other  
children*

*My friends  
would miss  
me*



## How can you help to get your child to school every day?

Talk regularly with your child about school and how he/she feels about it. Children are more likely to attend school if they feel supported and their worries are listened to.

Please phone school each day your child is absent and either leave a message on the answerphone or speak to a staff member. Put the school number on your phone - this can save you time 02392 482988.

Only allow your child to stay home for genuine illness.

Please do not take holidays in term time.

**PRAISE EVEN SMALL SUCCESSES - ALL PRAISE IS GOOD!**



Examples of authorised absence

- Genuine illness
- Medical appointment (please try wherever possible to make all appointments outside of school hours)
- Religious observance
- Death of a close relative



Examples of unauthorised absence

- Tired/overslept/late night
- Illness of parent/carer
- No clean uniform
- Headlice
- Buying new shoes
- Inset day at sibling's school
- Birthdays
- Child did not want to come to school
- Holidays in term time
- Homework not completed



# LATENESS



# Every Minute Counts

- Children need to be in their classroom by 8.50am.
- Children arriving after this time and before the official close of the register at 9.05am will be marked late (L).
- If a child arrives after 9.20am it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence for the morning session (U).
- If a child is late (U) 10 times within a 10 week period a Penalty Notice may be issued.

Please remember that the playground gates are locked at 8.50am and after this time children will need to enter school through the front door.

***PLEASE GIVE YOUR CHILD THE  
VERY BEST CHANCE OF DOING  
WELL AT SCHOOL THROUGH  
TURNING UP ON TIME EVERY DAY***