

NEWSLETTER

Attendance Matters

At Peters Hill we take good school attendance very seriously.

Regular attendance at school ensures that children get the best possible start in life.

Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building good habits that are essential for adult life.

School education lays the vital foundations of a child's life.

Research clearly demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment.

We aim to work in partnership with parents in making education a success and in ensuring that all children have full and equal access to all that our fantastic school has to offer.

Our School Policy

Our school attendance policy can be found on our website, under the 'Key Info' tab. There are also other useful documents relating to attendance in this section.



Our Attendance Team

Attendance is everyone's responsibility in school, but these staff have specific accountability for Attendance at Peters Hill.



Mrs Belcher
Vice Chair of Governors



Mrs Curnin
Deputy Headteacher/DSL



Mrs Bird
Attendance Officer

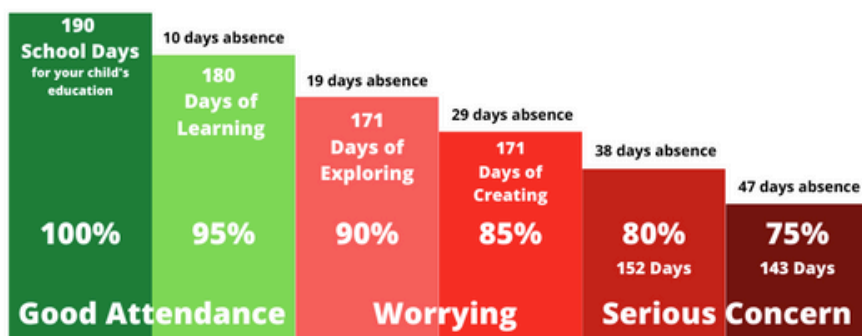


Mrs Bridgwater
Safeguarding Officer

Every school day counts!

There are 175 NON school days every year!

Perfect for family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments!



Where ever possible we ask that appointments are made for **outside** of school time. We appreciate this is not always possible but every day and half day counts to good annual attendance.

Just 19 days off in a school year puts your child in the 'Persistently Absent' (PA) category



Our School Target

Mr Duncan and our school Governors set our Attendance target each year.

This year we are aiming for whole school attendance of **96%**.

School attendance is important because the law requires it.

As a parent you are legally responsible for making sure your child receives a full time education. This means registering your child at a school and making sure they attend regularly and on time.

Mrs Belcher, our Vice Chair of Governors holds the responsibility on the Governing Body to ensure Peters Hill meets all local and national attendance requirements.

Mrs Curnin, Deputy Headteacher has whole school responsibility for attendance and works closely with Mrs Bird, our Attendance Officer and Mrs Bridgwater, our Safeguarding Officer.

If you have any concerns or queries relating to your child's attendance, please feel free to make an appointment to speak to anyone of these staff.

Persistent Absence...So What?



The long-term impact of persistent absence are harmful to a child's future person and prospects, with a clear negative correlation identified between pupils who are persistently absent and their academic achievement levels.

These pupils also risk a higher likelihood to be excluded from school or drop out. Also, pupils with high absence rates often find it more difficult to connect with their peers, or face increased difficulties in their social and emotional development.

It is very important that you inform us of all absence, planned and unplanned.

Without valid reasons for absence, this can quickly become a safeguarding concern. Ensure all absence is reported via the school telephone absence line **01384 816740 (option 1)** or the absence email address - **absence@petershillprimary.org**.

You may receive a follow up call or request for a meeting when absence becomes a concern.