

Introduction

At Bankfoot Primary School we are committed to increasing the attendance and punctuality of our pupils.

Attendance

Children spend **190 days** at school per academic year. At Bankfoot, we expect children to aim for 100% attendance each half term, and to be on time every day, every week!

**A day off here and there adds up!
Days off affect your child's
education!**

Days absent from school	Percentage attendance
0	100%
10	95%
19	90%
28	85%

The above table demonstrates the relationship between percentage of attendance and days off over the course of a school year. You will notice from the figures that the odd day off really does add up.

Punctuality

Losing learning time has a severe negative impact on your child's learning. Lost learning time may not just occur as a result of poor attendance, but may also be as a result of not being punctual.

Children who arrive late are often embarrassed to go to class. This affects their self esteem and can have a negative impact on their progress, as they miss vital learning at the start of the day. Late children often disrupt the flow of teaching and learning.

**Every minute counts!
Lateness = lost learning!**

The table below illustrates how being just a few minutes late can be detrimental to your child's learning. The table below shows figures for over the course of a school year.

Minutes late per day	School days lost
5	3
10	6.5
15	10
20	13
25	15

Attendance and attainment

Attendance and attainment are closely linked.

Year 6 SATs may seem a long way away for some of you, but your child's attendance can have a big impact upon their chances of success. The table below compares attendance with the likely chance of achieving Level 4s in Year 6.

Percentage attendance	Chance of achieving Level 4
75-80%	20%
80-85%	58%
85-90%	74%
90-95%	80%
95-100%	90%

We believe that instilling the principles of high attendance and punctuality is essential to developing good habits for pupils' futures. Not only will good attendance and punctuality help to give your child the best chance with their learning and progress, it will also provide them with vital life skills to help them to achieve success now and in the future.

Helping your child

Help your child to improve their attendance and achieve their best at school:

- Wherever possible, make medical appointments outside school hours.
- Avoid taking holidays during term time.
- Inform school of any reason for absence on the first morning of your child's absence.
- Ensure your child is on time every day.
- Ensure your child attends every day, even in Nursery. This develops good habits for later in life.

Your child's education is priceless.

At Bankfoot Primary School we are committed to working together to achieve success.

If you are struggling or need any advice please contact school.

We are here to help!



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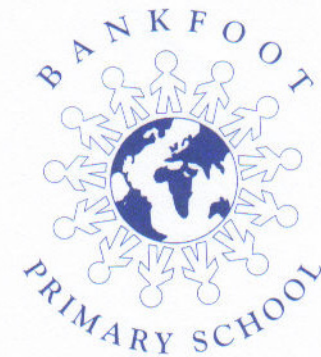
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Attendance and punctuality advice