



Bishop Aldhelm's CE Primary School

Attendance Policy



Our Policy Statement:

At Bishop Aldhelm's, we recognise that **good attendance (above 96%)** is key to good pupil outcomes. The links between regular attendance, **reaching potential attainment and future life opportunities** are well researched. For this reason, the school will encourage good attendance and be robust in monitoring attendance and take action when attendance falls below the expected level. **Good attendance impacts significantly** on progress, learning, friendship groups and the child's overall happiness at school.

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- 1 There are 190 school days in a year; this leaves 175 days to spend on family time and holidays.
- 2 It is the responsibility of parents and carers to ensure that their child(ren) attend school **every day and on time**.
- 3 The school opens **at 8:45am; registration is from 8:45-9:00am**. Please arrive as close to 8:15 as possible to maximise learning opportunities for your child.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

We're here to help!

We understand that there are many reasons why children may be absent or late for school. Please speak to staff about ways that we can support you with this.

Equates to number of school days off each year

4 School days missed	100%	> Perfection
6 School days missed	98%	> Impressive
7 School days missed	97%	> Good
9 School days missed	96%	> On Target
13 School days missed	95%	> Slight Concern
20 School days missed	93%	> Concerns
30 School days missed	90%	> Very Concerned
30 School days missed	85%	> Serious Concerns

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	almost 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	almost 8 years

Key Contacts:

Attendance Lead:

Scott Tait

Attendance Officer:

Hayley Fleming

Headship Team:

Scott Tait, Lizzie Sharpe, Sarah Draper, Victoria Loughman and Lucy Strickland.

A parent/carers must notify the school of the reason for a child's absence **before 9am on the day of absence**. This can be done in person or via:

Telephone: 01202 715100

Email: office@bishopaldhelm's.poole.sch.uk

Reporting



Absences

Department for Education

Keeping children safe in education 2023

Statutory guidance for schools and colleges

The 2022 version of the guidance is currently in force. The 2023 version will come into force on 1 September 2023.

Our Attendance Policy should be read in conjunction with our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy.