

Celebrating Good Attendance

We really appreciate the commitment that both children and parents make in achieving good attendance at school and positive attendance is celebrated in various ways:

The best attending class each week has Daffy the Duck in their classroom.

Children who achieve 100% attendance across a term receive a certificate and prize in a special assembly.

Absence and the Law

Parent/carers commit an offence if a child fails to attend school regularly and the absences are classed as unauthorised.

Children with poor attendance will be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer who could issue a Penalty Notice or start legal action.

What is an unauthorised absence?

Absence is only authorised in exceptional cases and examples of unauthorised attendance that will be recorded on your child's record are: holidays, birthday treats, oversleeping or looking after other children. Children who arrive after 9.15 will be marked as an unauthorised absence for that session.

Support is available!

Red Hen — can support with home routines to help you in getting your child to school regularly and on time. Please request this support at



the School Office.

Pit Stop — Use our breakfast club called Pit Stop which opens at 8 am to ensure your child is in school on time.

Early to school - children can now enter classrooms from 8.45am.

More information is available at —
www.gov.uk/publications/school-attendance



The Grove Primary School



Attendance Leaflet



Be on Time for Five to Nine!

Why attend every day?

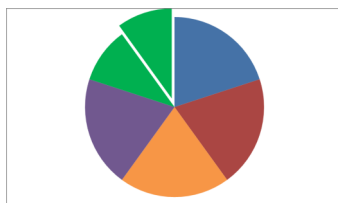
At The Grove we believe that attendance is linked directly to achievement and helps develop skills for life.
Here is an example of how regular non attendance can build up.
Peter is a fictional child in Year 2.
His attendance rate is 90%. His parents think this is quite good.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Peter is absent for the equivalent of **one half day every week.**

38 School Weeks	
September	July

In Year 2 Peter's attendance rate means that he missed the equivalent of **four whole weeks of lessons** in the school year. If Peter continues to attend for only 90% of the time, then over five years he will miss the equivalent of about **one half year of school.**



Our overall school attendance target is 95%!
Please support your child in supporting the school to achieve this target.



Pupil Voice



In order for us to understand what attendance means to children, we have to listen to their views. We asked the pupils of The Grove:

How do you feel when you've had time off ?



Year Three

I feel that I have missed learning and I feel behind.

Year Five



Sometimes in lessons it feels like people are speaking in a different language.



Year Six

When I come back, I feel sick and nervous.



Early Years

I get angry and annoyed if I miss something fun.