

190 days = 100%

The very best chance
of success



183 days = 96%

Off to a flying Start



179 days = 94%

Less chance of
success



175 days = 92%

Harder to make
progress



More than 18 days absence

less than 90%

Persistent Absentee



We hope this leaflet gives you all the information you need about your child's attendance at Cantrell Primary school.

We understand there can be tricky times and so we offer our full support with any attendance issue ... keeping us in the loop and fully informed is the key.

If there are problems, we will do everything we can to make attending school as simple as possible, whilst ensuring your child is happy and reaches their full potential.

If there are ever any problems, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to see us.

RING 0115 9155770

On the first day of absence, giving your child's full name and reason for absence.



CANTRELL



Cantrell Primary
and Nursery School

Harmony through
working together



**GET YOUR
CHILD TO SCHOOL
ON TIME
EVERY DAY**

Did you know?

**10 mins late
every day**

=

**33 hours of lost
learning every
year**

What the law says...

As a parent, ensuring your child's regular attendance at school is **YOUR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY** and permitting absence from school without **GOOD REASON** is an offence and may result in referral to the Education Welfare Service. They issue Penalty Notices with fines up to £2500, prosecutions which can result in a prison sentence.

What the government says...

Government guidelines state that attendance figures of **90% or less** is classed as **PERSISTENT ABSENCE**. The government expects that in order for a child to reach his/her full potential, they must attend school for a minimum of 95% of the year.

At Cantrell Primary School...

We will inform you each term of your child's attendance rates. We will also notify you, in writing, if we feel that attendance should be improved to prevent further action being taken. This may involve you working with the Education Welfare Service.

Summary of School Attendance Policy

At Cantrell, we expect children to attend every day, as long as they are fit and healthy enough to do so.

If your child is not well enough to attend school, we expect a parent to contact the school office as soon as possible giving a specific reason for the absence.

Because we have a duty of care for safeguarding your child, we will contact you if we do not receive further updates every two days, following the first day of absence, to ensure we know your child is safe.

PERSISTENT ABSENCE

Any child with attendance **below 90%**, regardless of the reason for the absence, is considered to be a persistent absentee.

Is your child a persistent absentee?

Statistics show that these pupils are less likely to achieve their potential and can affect their *GCSE* grades and prospects.

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Illness Guidance...

Being ill may prevent your child from coming to school, but if they can get out of bed and enjoy TV and play, then they should be in school.

Looking after your child is very important to us and we will, of course, contact you if we feel they should be at home.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% due to illness, we will ask that you provide a doctor's certificate to verify absences. If this is not provided, they will be classed as unauthorized.

Leave of Absence...

Leave of absence is **NOT PERMITTED** during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Taking a 'Leave of Absence' without prior discussion or consent will result in an unauthorized absence.

Family holidays will rarely be considered as 'exceptional circumstances'.

Our '**Leave of Absence**' policy highlights the exceptions.