

## SOME WAYS TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

- Try to make dental/medical appointments outside of school hours. If it has to be in school time, book a time at either end of the day or around lunchtime.
- Make sure your child gets to school on time, 8.45am ready for a prompt 9.00am start.
- If you are ill arrange for another parent to bring your child to school (or call us and we will help).
- Don't book holidays in term time. Yes, it is usually cheaper, but your child's learning **will** suffer, and you well may receive a Penalty Notice (please see our School Attendance Policy)
- Missing the odd day at school can become a habit. This would not be accepted in the workplace - build a good work ethic in your child.



**Your child has only one  
chance at school.  
Help them make the  
most of it.**

If you wish to discuss your child's attendance, please contact any of the staff in the school office  
01483 417302

Or email [admin@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@busbridge-junior.surrey.sch.uk)

Our School Attendance Policy can be accessed via the school website.



## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY at Busbridge CE Junior School

Good attendance at school is essential if children are to make good progress with their learning and achieve well.

Good attendance also benefits children's confidence and friendships.

Being punctual for school helps your child start the school day off on the right foot. Being late can cause stress, and it can become habitual.

*Cherish*  *Challenge*

Attendance and punctuality at Busbridge CE Junior School is good, but it could be even better.

**For 2024/25 our attendance rate was 97.03%.**

**This year we want it to be just as good.**

This means that everyone has to do their bit and help us reach this target.

**How does your child's attendance for last year compare to our school % ?**

Attendance makes a difference to your child's success at school.

**Statistics show that children with an attendance rate of over 94% are three times more likely to achieve five or more A\* to C grades at GCSE.**

**Every lesson counts!**

There is a proven link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement. This is why the Department for Education, school leadership and school governors are not in favour of holidays in term time.

Term-time holidays will not help your child's learning at school.

**Even odd days here and there will have a detrimental impact on their success at school.**

**If your child's attendance is below 90% they are classified as a "persistent absentee".  
The Surrey Attendance Adviser looks closely at attendance below 90%.**

Stats show 1 drop in a GCSE grade.

90% attendance over 5 years at school = 1/2 a year missed!

Do you know what 90% attendance at school can mean?

Over a year = 4 weeks of missed lessons.

1 missed day a fortnight.

80% attendance over 5 years at school = 1 whole year missed.

80% attendance means: 1 day missed a week, 8 weeks missed a year