

The **Bulwell Academy**

Raise Your Child's Attendance & Expectations



Every School Day Counts

Everyone Achieves

% Attendance Weekly

- 90% = ½ day missed
- 80% = 1 day missed
- 70% = 1 ½ days missed
- 60% = 2 days missed
- 50% = 2 ½ days missed
- 40% = 3 days missed
- 30% = 3 ½ days missed



% Attendance Termly / Yearly

- 90% = 4 weeks missed
- 80% = 8 weeks missed
- 70% = 12 weeks missed
- 60% = 16 weeks missed
- 50% = 20 weeks missed
- 40% = 24 weeks missed
- 30% = 28 weeks missed



Percentage Attendance by Year 11

- 90% = 20 weeks = 1 ½ terms missed
- 80% = 40 weeks = 1 year missed
- 70% = 60 weeks = 1 ½ years missed
- 60% = 80 weeks = 2 years missed
- 50% = 100 weeks = 2 ½ years missed



Ways for parents to encourage attendance



Check your child's absence **regularly**, and check this matches with your **own record**.



Talk regularly with your child about school and how they feel about it – they are more likely to attend if they feel supported and their anxieties are **listened** to.



Know the school routine for alerting you to absence.



Absence from school



Phone us as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent, and when you expect them to return.



Put the school number in your phone it will save you time.



Only allow days at home for **genuine** illness (you will know!!)



Avoid taking holidays in school time.



Encouraging Attendance & Punctuality



Know your child's timetable to avoid issues, e.g. have they got their PE kit?



Ring us if you have concerns – we will **check** attendance and be discreet.



Praise and reward good attendance – even small successes, such as getting to school on time when first lesson is their worst!



Other tips to help secure good attendance



If there is a **problem** with your child's attendance, **talk calmly** to your child and **listen** to the **explanation**.

There is always an explanation. It may not impress you, but it counted enough with your child to make them truant. Understanding the **reason** for non-attendance is **important**.

Talk to us to **resolve** issues. We may be able to help and support you and your child. You are **not alone**.

Other tips to help secure good attendance



Be particularly watchful and supportive in the run up to **tests** and aware of coursework **deadlines**.



Check **Planner** regularly for gaps as well as completed activities.



Help them **catch up** with missed work, a missed day doesn't need to mean missed work.



Remember **PRAISE** for good school attendance.

