



Gillingstool Primary School

ATTENDANCE OFFER

Inspire ~ Believe ~ Achieve

**ATTEND
TODAY,
ACHIEVE
TOMORROW**



At Gillingstool Primary School, we believe that regular and punctual attendance gives every child the best opportunity to learn, develop friendships, build confidence and achieve their full potential.

Attendance is everyone's responsibility. We are committed to working in partnership with families to promote excellent attendance and to understand and remove barriers.

UNIVERSAL

WHOLE SCHOOL CULTURE (ALL PUPILS)



A welcoming and inclusive school

- A safe, nurturing environment
- Everyone belongs



High expectations

- Regular attendance
- Arrive on time and ready to learn
- Take pride in attendance



Engaging learning

- A broad and exciting curriculum to build confidence, resilience and positive relationships



Clear routines

- Doors open at 8:45am
- School starts at 8:55am
- School finishes at 3:15pm



Excellent communication

- Regular updates and partnership with families

TARGETED

EARLY HELP (90 – 95%)



Early identification

- We monitor attendance
- Contact families when concerns arise (below 95%, broken weeks or lateness)



Supportive conversations

- Class teacher and attendance support meetings
- Listen to the child's views
- Identify barriers
- Agree practical steps



Individual support

- An individual attendance plan where needed
- Regular monitoring and review



Additional needs

- Tailored support for disadvantaged pupils, SEND, EAL and other vulnerabilities

SPECIALIST

PERSISTENT ABSENCE (<90%)



Individualised support

- Targeted support and closer monitoring



Multi-agency working

- Work with health professionals, educational psychology, local authority services and other specialists



Emotionally based barriers

- Support for anxiety, stress or feeling overwhelmed
- Individualised approach with the child, family and professionals



Formal attendance processes

- Attendance contract and regular review meetings
- Referral to the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) if needed
- Legal action (e.g. Penalty Notice) may be considered as a last resort

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



- If a child is absent and we have not received a reason, we will contact parents/carers.
- We may contact emergency contacts and conduct a home visit.
- Our priority is to ensure children are safe and well.

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS BETTER OUTCOMES



Regular and punctual attendance is vitally important for raising achievement and developing the potential of your child.

DID YOU KNOW?

Over 96.1% Good attendance.

90%

Is the same as one day absent per fortnight. From Year 2 to Year 6 this is the same as missing half a year of school!

80%

Is the same as one day absent each week. Over five years this is the same as missing a whole year of school!

WORKING TOGETHER WITH FAMILIES



- Ensure regular attendance and arrive on time
- Contact school before 9:20am if ill
- Keep school updated if absence continues
- Arrange non-urgent medical/dental appointments outside school hours
- Inform us if your child will be late
- Talk to us early if there are any difficulties
- Work with school and other agencies

IF ATTENDANCE DOES NOT IMPROVE



Our first response is to work with families and provide appropriate support. If attendance does not improve despite this, we may use more formal attendance processes, including an attendance contract and a referral to the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO). In line with statutory guidance, the Local Authority may consider legal action, including Penalty Notices.



Together for excellent attendance.

*Every child.
Every day.*