Attendance Facts

All absences add up:

Days =	Weeks =	Attendance
5 days	1 week	97%
10 days	2 weeks	95%
15 days	3 weeks	92%
20 days	4 weeks	89%
25 days	5 weeks	86%
30 days	6 weeks	84%

During the 7 years a child is in Primary School, absence adds up to a lot of lost learning

Days	X 7 Years (days)	X 7 Years (weeks)	X 7 years (Terms)	Attendance
5 days	35 days	7 weeks	1 Term	97%
10 days	70 days	14 weeks	2 Terms	95%
15 days	105 days	21 weeks	3 Terms	92%
20 days	140 days	28 weeks	4 terms	89%
30 days	210 days	42 weeks	1 year	84%
38 days	266 days	53 weeks	1 year & 2 Terms	80%

If your child is absent for
10 days each year –
they miss the equivalent of
2 whole terms
of learning during their time at Primary School.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

*An **80%** attendance mark is:*

1 day off every week

*Over their time at Air Balloon that's the same as missing 2 terms in Year 5 **AND** the whole of Year 6*

Term-time Holidays

Parents and Carers can request a Leave of Absence for a pupil during term-time for exceptional circumstances. However, holidays during Term-Time will not be authorised and may result in Penalty Notices being issued by Bristol City Council. (Please note that Penalty Notices are issued as an alternative to prosecution and may not be issued if prosecution is considered to be a more appropriate response to your child's irregular attendance

Would you think it was acceptable if your child's teacher did not come to school to teach your child for a week because they had gone on holiday in term-time?

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ATTENDANCE FACT SHEET

What Parents & Carers need to know

0117 903 0077 (option 1)
Or
Send a message via the ParentMail App

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Why is good attendance important?

Good attendance at school is vital for pupils to achieve their full academic potential. Getting into good attendance habits in Primary School will help children as they move through secondary school and into work.

Good attendance helps children to:

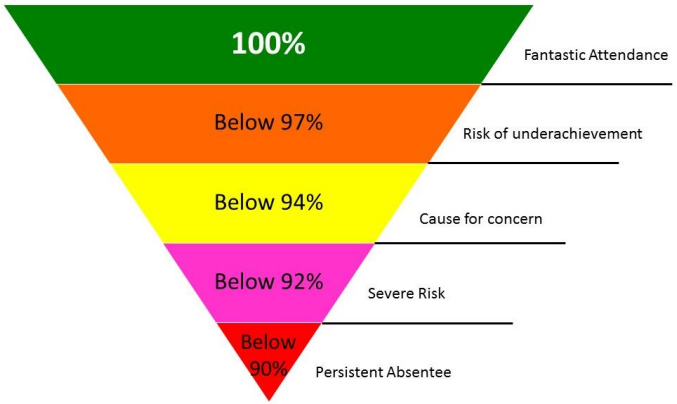
- Ensure they reach their full potential
- Learn
- Have Fun
- Make and maintain friendships
- Experience new things
- Develop an awareness of others
- Build their confidence and self-esteem

Regular attendance provides continuity in learning - ensuring that children don't miss out on important lesson introductions or learning consolidation and they don't fall behind their peers.

Children who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends and to underachieve.

Attendance Matters
...every school day counts!

Attendance Triangle



Air Balloon Hill Primary School's Attendance Target is: **97%**

Pupils whose attendance falls below this level will be monitored and attendance procedures may begin.

The procedures may include:

1. Letters home to highlight falling attendance level
2. Meeting with class Teacher to discuss concerns and lost learning
3. Meeting with Class Teacher and Pastoral Leader
4. Meeting with Family Support Worker or Education Welfare Officer for an Attendance Contract
5. Penalty Notice for unauthorised absences or Prosecution by Bristol City Council.

Illness



Attendance at school is crucial if your child is to reach their full potential. We understand that children are sometimes ill however, too often, children stay at home when they have a minor illness and they miss out on learning as a result.

If you are unsure if your child if your child is well enough to attend, bring them in and we can always contact you to collect them if they get worse during the day, or if you keep them home in the morning, you can always bring them in for the afternoon session if they are feeling better.

If your child is unwell and not able to come to school, please report their absence before 9.30am – either by leaving a message on the absence line (0117 903 0077 – option 1) or by reporting it via the ParentMail App.

Medical Appointments

Parent/Carers should try to make appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Where appointments during school hours are unavoidable, the school office must be provided with sight of or a copy of the appointment card or letter.

