



A T T E N D A N C E

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At Bedford we do not underestimate the impact that parental support has on ensuring good attendance. It has been a tough year for all of our families and Covid 19 has taken control of many things including the futures of our children. With your continued support we can all work together to gain back control and make their future years a success.

Build the Habit of Good Attendance

- Parents and educators have a key role in children's success
- One of the most important life habits we can instill in children is attendance
- Promoting good attendance helps children to understand the importance of education, commitment and taking responsibility

What parents/carers can do

- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and do lunches the night before school
- Don't let your child stay at home unless they are truly sick. **Keep in mind complaints of stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay at home**
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to form tutors, pastoral staff or attendance for advice on how to make them feel comfortable and excited about learning
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call a family member, a neighbour or another parent and check bus timetables and routes
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips in term time



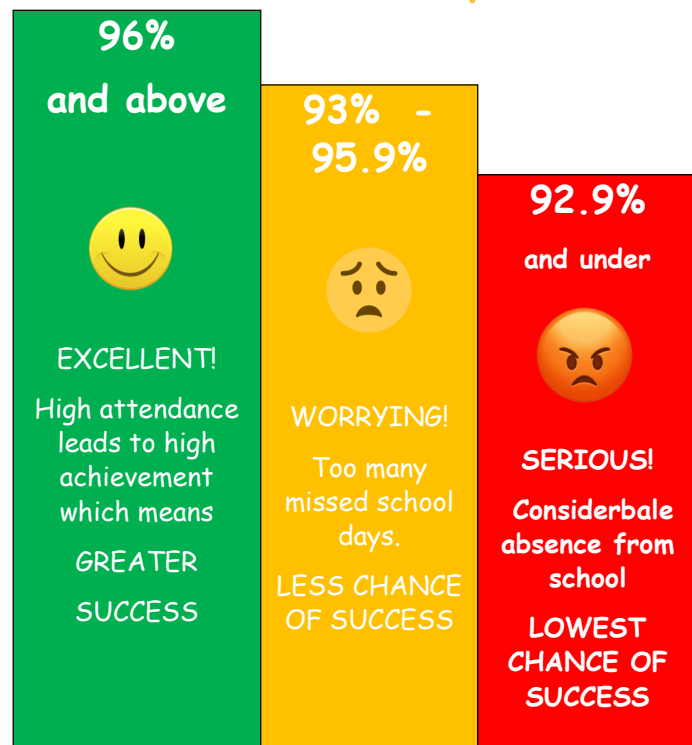
Help children form good habits

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Start building this habit early so they learn that going to school on time, every day, is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work. Attending school regularly is a great habit to start!

Do you know your child's current percentage attendance?

Do you know what percentage attendance means they are 'in the red'?

Take a minute to find out and then look at the RAG (Red, Amber, Green) system below



RESILIENT ATTENDANCE

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE



Each week there is an inter form competition where each form has a chance of winning the Gold, Silver or Bronze attendance cup.

Form tutors are extremely competitive!!!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REWARD

All Students with 100% attendance **each week** are placed in a draw to win rewards which includes free items from the bistro and a £5 Amazon voucher.