

Every day counts

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

For some parents 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year. That is nearly 4 weeks.

At Oliver's Battery primary school we want every child to have a positive experience of school life and to achieve their full potential.

One way you can help is by ensuring your child attends school every day.

Another way is to foster a love of school.

Be interested in what they do here. If they are tired when they come home, why not have a short chat over a snack. Show interest, ask them what they have learnt, what friends they have made or sat next to at lunchtime.

If you have any concerns, please raise them early with the class teacher.

Whilst as a parent you may feel that you can give your child permission to stay at home, you cannot. ***The only person who can give a child permission to be absent from school is Miss Wood, our Head teacher.***

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Boost school attendance

Good attendance habits are best started early. We take attendance seriously at Oliver's Battery primary school.

Children learn from experience and you will be setting standards and expectations for your child.

- Make non-urgent medical and dental appointments out of school time.
- Build up good habits of punctuality and attendance.
- Be involved with your child's education and school.



Inform the school before 9.00am on **every day** your child is absent from school due to illness. Give detailed reasons of their illness.

Parental notes to confirm legitimate absence must be provided promptly on your child's return to school. In cases of prolonged illness or disability a medical certificate or letter from the doctor may be required.

If your child attends school and feels unwell during the school day, the school will contact you to arrange collection.

We understand the difficulties some parents face and will work with you, so please share with us any concerns you may have. Our Attendance Co-ordinator, Chloë Fox is available to provide you with support and guidance.



Absence line: 01962 869 496
email: admin@oliversb.com

Registration is 08.50 – 9.00
After 09.05 children are marked as late after registers close. This is an unauthorised absence mark.

Most illnesses can be classified as one of a few minor health complaints. Here are the NHS Guidelines:



Cough and cold - A child with a minor cough or cold may attend school. If the cold is accompanied with a raised temperature, shivers or drowsiness, the child should stay off school, visit the GP and return to school 24 hours after they are feeling better.

Raised temperature - If your child has a raised temperature, they should not attend school. They can return 24 hours after they are feeling better.

Rash - Rashes can be the first sign of infectious diseases such as chickenpox and measles. Children with these conditions should not attend school so check with your GP before sending them to school.

Vomiting and diarrhoea - Children with these conditions should be kept off school. They can return 48 hours after their symptoms disappear. If symptoms persist, consult your GP.

Sore throat / tonsillitis - A sore throat alone does not have to keep a child from school. If it is accompanied with a raised temperature, the child should stay at home.

For further information visit:
<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Yourchildatschoolhome.aspx>

The Government made amendments to the 2006 Regulations for Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (amendment) Regulations 2013 making it clear that head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

There are 117 non-school days available every year for holidays and appointments.

By law, only the head teacher can authorise your child's absence. Any absences taken without permission could be considered for a penalty notice or a referral to the Attendance Legal Panel for legal sanctions.

Regular and punctual attendance at school is a legal requirement. It helps children make and sustain friendships and enjoy the school environment. Children with higher school attendance on average perform better in life.



If you have any questions, please call 01962 869 496 and ask for Chloë Fox – Attendance Co-ordinator (Tuesday). We will be happy to work with you.