



**Beaumont  
Primary  
School**

A Learning Community Partnership

# **The Importance of Good Punctuality and Attendance 2019 – 2020**



# Why are Good Punctuality and Regular Attendance so Important?

Research shows that children with poor attendance are at a disadvantage later in life.

They often

- Find it harder to make and maintain friendships.
- Are less likely to gain good qualifications.
- Earn lower wages.
- Have a higher chance of being unemployed.
- Have low self-esteem.

Poor attendance and punctuality, even at the earliest age, can affect achievement later in life.

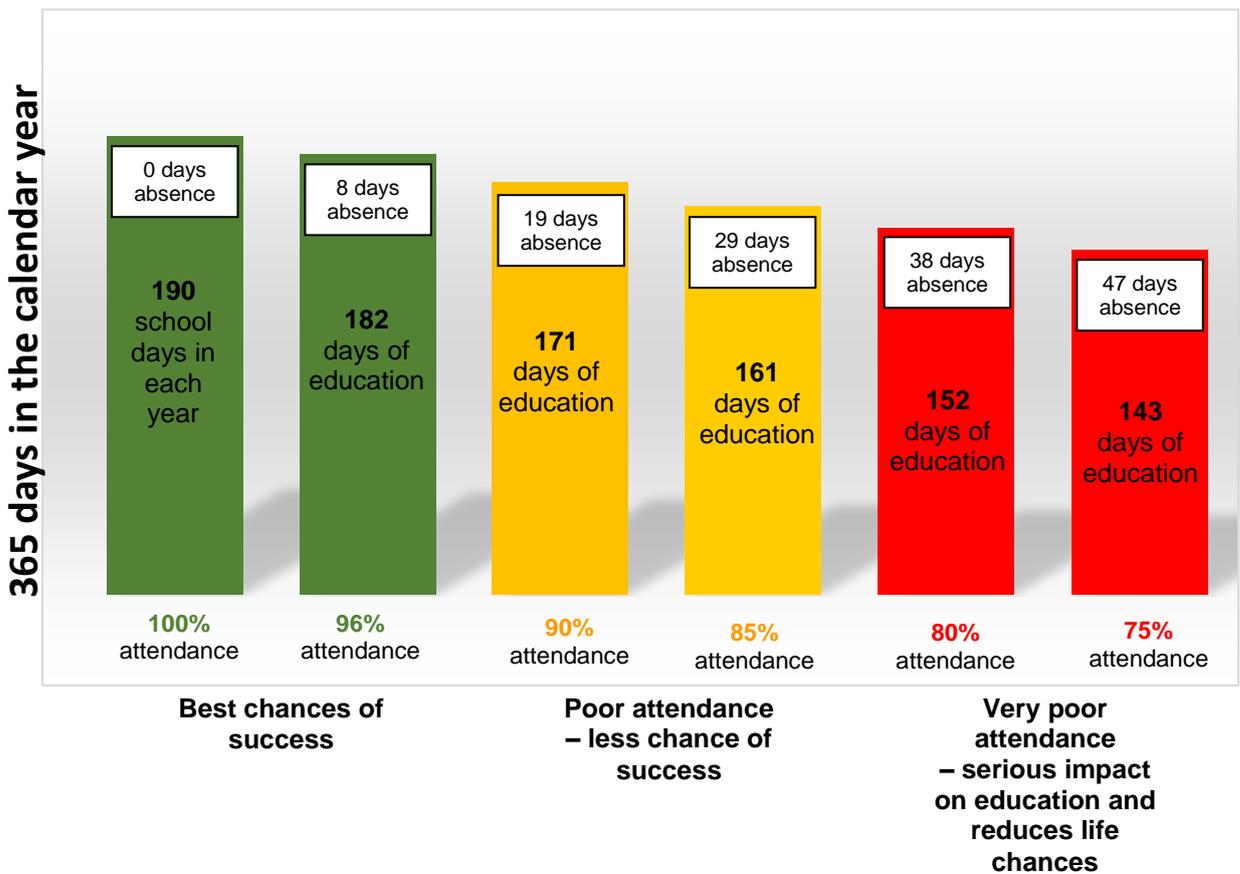
Establishing good habits from the start of a child's school life helps children to settle more quickly into new setting and routines.

**Regular attendance and good punctuality are important for maximising achievement and obtaining the greatest benefit from education.**

# Good Attendance Means...

being in school at least 96% of the time.

**175 non-school days a year!**  
All this time for shopping, holidays and appointments



The school's Attendance Officer reviews attendance weekly.

A computerised report of all those children whose attendance has fallen below 96% is generated.

Discussion with the Headteacher is held over the next course of action in each of these cases. As a school we may decide to:

- Continue to monitor future attendance.
- Send out a letter expressing concern/asking for explanation for absence.
- Send a second letter if no improvement.
- Send a letter inviting parents to a meeting in school.
- Arrange a meeting in school.
- Make an official referral to the Education Welfare Service (EWS) Officer.

If a referral is made to the EWS, they will write to you to arrange a meeting to further discuss your child's attendance.

Pupils whose absence is unauthorised may be issued a Fixed Penalty Notice by the Local Authority and issued a fine of either £60 per parent per child or, if not paid promptly, a fine of £120 per parent per child. Unauthorised absence may also result in prosecution under S444 Education Act 1996.

If there are circumstances we should be aware of in connection with your child's attendance, please speak with your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

## It adds up...

<b>% Attendance</b>	<b>% Absence</b>	<b>How many days a year will that child have missed?</b>	<b>How many weeks a year will that child have missed?</b>	<b>Over 5 years of education, how many entire school years will that child miss?</b>
<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>95</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.25</b>
<b>90</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>80</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>70</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.5</b>
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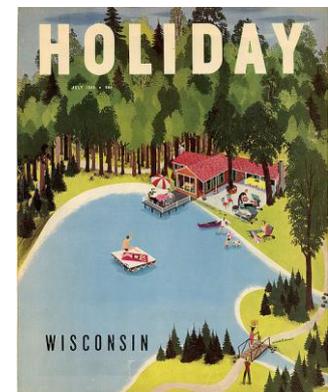
# Help your Child Succeed in School

## Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

***School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!***

Each year there are **190** school days where children are required to attend school.

This means there are **175** days (weekends and school holidays) for shopping, birthday treats, non-urgent medical and dental appointments and family holidays etc.



If a child misses **16** days of school in a year – then he/she spends more time out of school than in school.

If a child misses one day a week for their entire school life (between the ages of 4-16) – it is equivalent to missing **2** entire years of school.

# What You Can Do To Improve Your Child's Attendance and Punctuality...



- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack school bags the night before.
- Don't let your child stay home unless he/she is truly sick.
- If your child seems anxious about attending school, talk to their Class Teacher, contact the School Office or School Counsellors for advice about how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- Develop back-up plans for getting to school in case something comes up in the morning. Call on a family member, a neighbour or another parent.
- Avoid non-urgent medical appointments and family holidays during term time.
- Ensure that your child has a good breakfast to set them up for the day ahead. There is a Breakfast Club at Beaumont Primary School if you need to be at work early.





**Give your child the best opportunities  
and the best start!**

**Get them to school ....  
– ON TIME! – EVERY DAY!**

5 minutes late each day – 3 days lost!  
10 minutes late each day – 6.5 days lost!  
15 minutes late each day – 10 days lost!  
20 minutes late each day – 13 days lost!  
30 minutes late each day – 19 days lost!

**Your child's success is in your hands!**