

# BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/ Carers

What a start to the new term at Bourne Abbey! We have been blown away by how the children have shown enthusiasm and motivation as they have engaged in their learning. Every day gives a wealth of learning opportunities in all areas of the curriculum. This is then further enhanced by our co-curriculum with opportunities for the children to be involved in activities such as Fairytale Day, Student Council Elections, Playground Leader training and swimming as well as after school clubs to support God-given talents, creativity, physical activity, character education and scientific investigation and knowledge. Not a minute is wasted!

With this in mind, can we remind you how important it is for your child to be in school. Please, whenever possible, do not book appointments/ holidays which will take your child out of school. The learning opportunities do not stop and when they are missed it is sometimes difficult for pupils to catch up. We do appreciate that there are times when children are too poorly to come to school and we would remind you to phone the school office to let us know if this is the case.

If you need any advice or support with your child's attendance, then please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to work with you. Please also see the following link for NHS guidance "Is my child too ill for school?"  
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Finally, the chart below shows what your child's attendance equates to in number of days missed - even at silver, that is 10 English lessons/phonics sessions, 10 maths lessons, science, RE, history, geography, music, art, PE, PSHE, time with friends, wow moments and enrichment missed - 10 days without teaching.

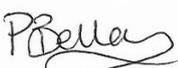
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>Attendance is 97% and above</b> Absent for less than 6 days in a year.
<b>SILVER</b>	<b>Attendance is 95 - 97%</b> Absent for less than 10 days in a year.
<b>BRONZE</b>	<b>Attendance is 93 - 95%</b> Missing up to 13 days a year.
<b>RED</b>	<b>Attendance is 80 - 93%</b> Missing up to 40 days a year! Or eight weeks!
<b>WISE UP!</b>	<b>Attendance is below 80%</b> <b>Missing so much time from school means it will be almost impossible for your child to learn effectively.</b>
<b>SEVERE!</b>	<b>Attendance is below 50%</b> <b>Severely absent pupils are likely to need more intensive support across a range of partners. If all avenues of support have been facilitated but severe absence for unauthorised reasons remains it is likely to constitute neglect.</b>

Thank you for your support...together we can help your children flourish, learn and progress.

Yours sincerely



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