

Davyhulme Primary School

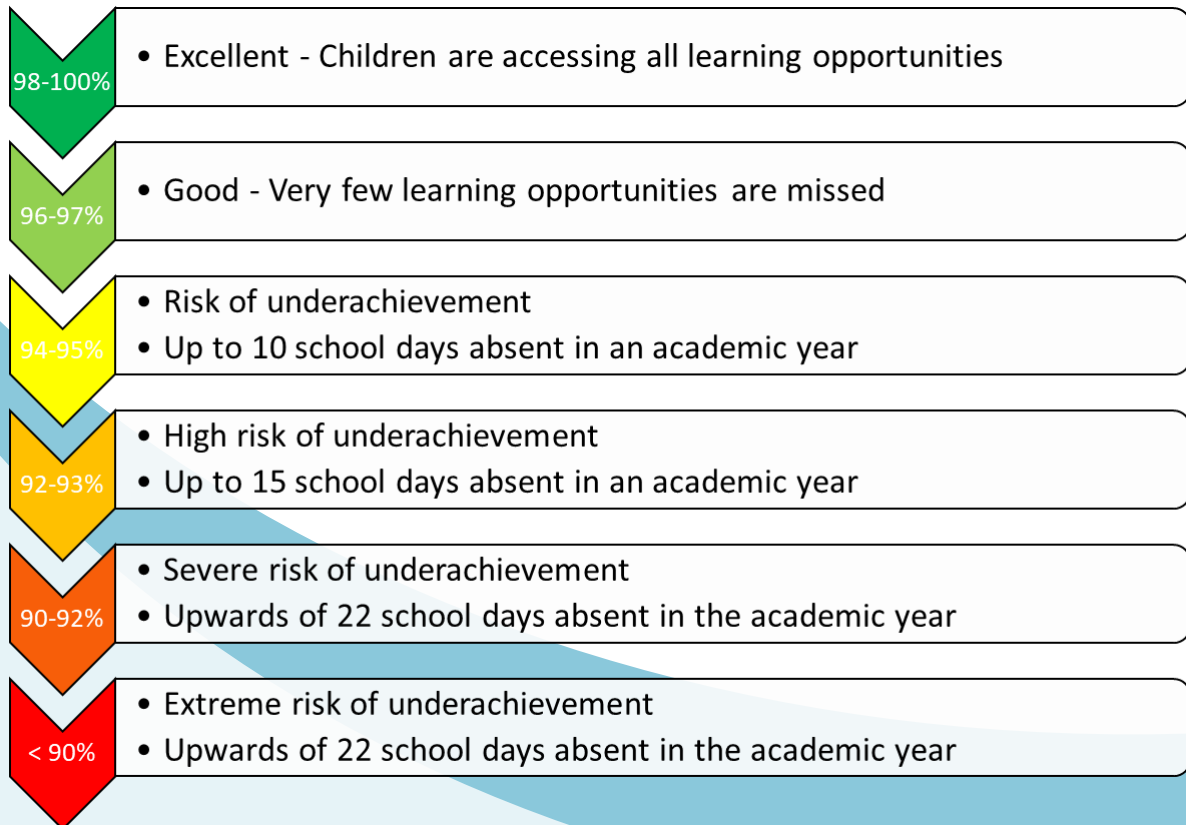
Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

We expect pupils to attend school for 100% of the academic year.

You can support your child to have excellent attendance by taking these steps:

- Ensure your child arrives on time for school every day and is ready to learn. Arriving after registration is recorded as an unauthorised absence. Pupils must be in school by 9.00 am.
- Avoid taking holidays during term time.
- If your child appears to be only slightly ill, send them in to school. We have staff who will contact you if their condition deteriorates.
- Book any medical appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, please book for as late in the afternoon as possible and inform the school of appointments in advance.
- Supply a copy of the appointment card or hospital letter if your child has an appointment during school hours.

If your child becomes reluctant to go to school or you need help, please contact the school immediately; we are more likely to be able to work together to solve any problems if we act early. We have a very supportive pastoral team led by Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Sales who are always here if some additional support is required.



‘On the day’ absences: what should I do if my child is not ‘fit’ to go into school?

On each day your child is unfit to come to school, please report this absence by calling the school office on 0161 748 3392. If calling before 8.00 am, please leave a message on the answer machine. In the message you must leave your child’s full name, class and give the specific reason for absence. The information you give will be recorded on our official register.

Leave of Absence

There may be exceptional circumstances where you need to request a leave of absence for your child. Please use our ‘Holiday Request Form’ form to make these types of requests. The form should be submitted in advance of the leave of absence, via the school office. You will receive a response on the back of the form, to advise if the request has been granted or declined. Please note that a holiday in term time will only very rarely be considered as an exceptional circumstance.

Punctuality

Pupils are expected to arrive on time for school in the morning and for every lesson during the day. Your child is late to school if they do not arrive by 9.00 am.

The Government remains very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must continue to take steps to reduce absence to support children’s attainment. I hope we can count on your support in this matter.

Please contact Mrs Sanderson or Mrs Sales if you require any support with ensuring your child’s regular school attendance.