

What can I do to help?

If you think your child maybe trying to avoid school for any reason, please contact us immediately so that we can help.

How do the school work out my child's attendance?

Schools count each day as two sessions— morning and afternoon. Your child has to attend every session to achieve 100% attendance for that week.

If your child has a half-day absence, they would have a 90% attendance for that week; if they had a whole day off school, their attendance would be 80%. If your child is absent for the whole week, they would be given 0% attendance.

Support for parents and pupils

If you need help to support your child's attendance, you should contact the school as soon as possible to discuss your concerns and any problems you are having. They will assist you in trying to resolve any issues affecting your child's attendance to school. Wickersley School & Sports College has a dedicated attendance team working in partnership with parents to achieve consistent high levels of attendance. If you would like to discuss any attendance issues please contact: Mrs Grayson on 01709 731230 or e-mail attendance@wickersley.net

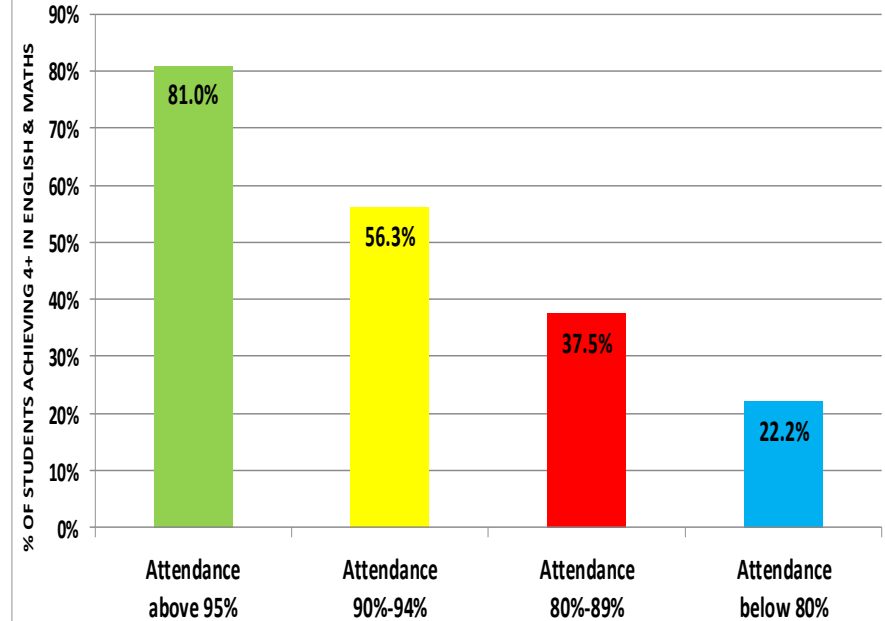
YOUR CHILD'S OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR YEAR	SCHOOL DAYS YOUR CHILD WILL HAVE BEEN ABSENT
100%	0
95%	10 (TWO SCHOOL WEEKS)
90%	20 (FOUR SCHOOL WEEKS)
85%	30 (SIX SCHOOL WEEKS)
80%	40 (EIGHT SCHOOL WEEKS)



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ATTENDANCE EVERYDAY COUNTS!

LINKS BETWEEN ATTENDANCE AND ATTAINMENT 2018-2019 4+ in English & Maths



School Attendance:

School attendance plays an important role in your child's education and here at Wickersley School & Sports College we expect students to have an overall attendance figure of at least 95% for the school year.

Is schooling compulsory?

Schooling is not compulsory but education is.

Parents have a legal duty to make sure that their children are properly educated according to their age, ability, aptitude and any special needs they have.

If your child is a registered pupil at a school, it is your responsibility to ensure that they attend school regularly and arrive on time.

When do children have to be educated?

Children must be educated when they are of compulsory school age. A child becomes compulsory school age from the start of the school term following their 5th birthday and ceases to be on the last Friday in June of the school year in which they are 16 years old.

The school says that my child's attendance is 90% , which I think is very good. Should I be concerned?

Yes you should be concerned, as 90% is not good attendance and indicates that there may be issues that need to be addressed. It means that every two school weeks your child has missed 1 day's education. Over a full school year almost four weeks and the missed work will not all be caught up.

The school was concerned when I asked for my child to have time off for a family holiday. My child rarely has any other time off school.

You should not expect Wickersley School and Sports College to authorise any holidays during term time. You may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) from the Local Authority.

If I take my child out of school for a family holiday without authorisation. What will happen?

The absence will be recorded as unauthorised and you may be issued with a FPN. If your child's attendance is already a cause for concern, you may be prosecuted, with the holiday absence part of the authority's evidence.

What should I do if my child is going to be absent from school?

You should contact your child's school on the morning of every absence– either by telephone, school app, email: attendance@wickersley.net or in person. You should tell the school the reason for your child's absence. You should also do this if your child is running late.

What is unauthorised attendance from school?

Unauthorised absence is absence deemed not acceptable by the school. This includes absence because of shopping, having a haircut, birthday or Christmas treats, looking after brothers or sisters at home, waiting for a workman or delivery, working, oversleeping, holidays not agreed by the school and truanting.

If your child is suffering with a minor ailment such as headache or stomach ache please send them with medication to help them through the day or until you can make a doctors appointment if necessary.

If you allow your child to be absent from school without good reason, the school will not authorise the absence, you will be committing an offence and you could be prosecuted.

I do not live with my child, whose attendance is not good. It is not my responsibility to ensure their regular attendance, is it?

If you are the natural parent of the child, you still have responsibility for ensuring your child's regular attendance at school. You should maintain contact with them and support their educational progress, including their attendance to school.

I am not the parent of the child who is absent from school. Do I have legal responsibility?

Yes. You have a duty in law for ensuring the education of any children living with you whether you are the biological parent or not. A person having care of a child or young person, irrespective of their relationship to the child, is considered to be a parent in education law.

How can I help minimise the time my child has off school?

Make all appointments for the doctor, dentist, optician etc after school hours or during school holidays.

Do not arrange holidays during school time. Ensure that they are during school holiday periods.