



## Attendance Newsletter October 2017

Welcome to the first Attendance Newsletter at Waterside Primary School. We aim to produce these each half term as attendance in school really matters.

**Whole School Attendance at the end of 2016/2017 was**

**94.69% (Could Do Better)**

With School and home working together, we could improve and try to achieve **Very Good** or even **Outstanding**.

You will have received your child's attendance % during July with their school report. Have a look at the scaling to see how good their attendance is on a % basis.



### Why Aim High?

When your child's school attendance is in the green (96%-100%) they are more likely to benefit from education, achieve better exam results and have more doors of opportunity open to them.

Regular attendance will also help your child's social skills such as making and keeping friends.

10 Minutes late each day =  
1 week missed each year.



**99% - 100%**

**Outstanding**

**96% - 98%**

**Very Good**

**94% - 95%**

**Could do Better**

**90% - 93%**

**Poor**

**85% - 89%**

**Really Poor**

**Below 85%**

**Persistent Absentee**

Since autumn term began Waterside Primary School attendance % rate is 93.67% which is below the standard of 96% set by the Dept of Education . Clearly much improvement is needed to get to this figure and beyond.

**Look at our website .....[www.waterside.hants.sch.uk](http://www.waterside.hants.sch.uk)**

Did you know that pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school:

- Only 35% manage to go on and achieve five A\* to C GCSEs including English and Math's, compared to 73% of pupils with over 95% attendance.
- Only 66% of pupils gained a Level 4+ in English or Math's at Key Stage 2, compared to 87% of pupils with over 95% attendance.

Remember to phone the school daily for any absence and bring a note when your child returns to confirm the reason and date of return to school.

We at Waterside are monitoring attendance closely and if an absence is unexplained, a letter is generated to the parents and retained on your child's School record.

Please note regulations for schools give the Head teacher the right to consider whether to accept the parent or carers position with regard to medical absence.

The Head teacher at his/her discretion may decide to unauthorise these absence if a pattern occurs or if a child is habitually taken out of a school, for instance on a Friday afternoon early for an appointment.

Going forward Waterside will require proof of any medical appointments by way of letter, a text or appointment card.

Please find with this newsletter an information leaflet regarding sickness and NHS advice detailing the length of time you

need to keep your child away from school. It also explains the impact illness can have on your child's learning.

### **Arrive on time**

Together with your child prepare for the next day – even the youngest child can help choose where they leave their school shoes, bag for school and uniform to wear.

Have a structure to the school morning. What needs to be done by all the family before watching TV.

***Attend today.  
Achieve tomorrow.  
School Matters***