Our Mission

At Anstey Junior School we believe good attendance is vital for a child to achieve their full potential.

We aim to promote good attendance by providing a safe and motivating environment for all children.

As a team, we will together break down any barriers a child or family may have to accessing their education.

Every child matters, every day matters.

Parental home agreement

Parents/ carers AND school both have a legal duty for attendance.

It is a legal requirement for each and every child to access regular education.

I need support with my child's attendance

If you need support with your child's attendance, please reach out to a member of the attendance team, or inform your child's class teacher.

FAQs

What is PA?

PA stands for 'Persistently absent'. This is when your child's attendance is below 90%

What is risk of PA?

Risk of PA is when your child's attendance is at risk of dropping below 90%- we aim to offer early intervention support at this stage.

What is an EPN?

EPN stands for 'Education penalty notices' EPNs are issued for unauthorised absences, this includes term time holidays.

I'll just go on holiday and pay the fine?

EPNs have now been capped nationally at TWO fines within any 3 year period. After this, other action like a parenting order or prosecution has to be considered- this could mean a fine of up to £2500!

What is an unauthorised absence?

A child being kept off school unnecessarily or without good reason. Term time holidays is not a justified reason to take your child out of school.

What happens if I keep my child off, and don't contact school?

School will call home to try and obtain a reason for absence- if no reason is provided school may carry out a visit to your home- this is to check on the welfare of you and your child.

Parent Guide To School Attendance

Anstey Junior School

Attendance Team

Head Teacher / DSL – Mrs Humphrey
DDSLs - Miss Colbert, Miss Price & Mr Jones

Family Support Worker - Mrs Dorans

Admin Team - Mrs Hayden, Mrs Robinson & Mrs Bonwitt

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Every day counts

100% attendance	0 days missed	No learning missed!
97% attendance	5 days missed	A week's learning missed
94% attendance	12 days missed	2 weeks and 2 days of learning missed
90% attendance	19 days missed	3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed
85 % attendance	30 days missed	6 weeks of learning missed
80% attendance	40 days missed	8 weeks of learning missed

Every minute counts

Always on time!	No hours missed!	No learning missed!
5 minutes late each day	15 hours missed	3 days of learning missed
10 minutes late every day	32 hours missed	6.5 days of learning missed
20 minutes late each day	65 hours missed	13 days of learning missed
30 minutes late each day	95 hours missed	19 days of learning missed

'90% attendance' or 'only 5 minutes late' may sound like small issues, but the amount of learning missed is huge!

Make each day count.

Attendance Guide

Punctuality

If your child arrives to school after registration closes your child will receive an unauthorised late mark- this affects your child's attendance. You must accompany your child to sign in at the office when arriving late.

Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school- you must contact the school office before 9.15am to provide a reason for absence. Otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Medical evidence

If your child is absent from school and is at risk of becoming persistently absent (at risk of falling below 90%) you will be required to provide medical evidence for your child's absences.

This way, we can make sure absences are authorised.

Fines / holidays

According to the Hampshire County Council new guidleines, holidays are in no circumstances to be authorised by school. Unauthorised absence due to holidays will result in a fine being issued from Hampshire County Council if you have off 10 sessions (5 school days) within a 100 day period.

PA / risk of PA

We want to avoid children becoming 'persistently absent' (below 90%).

Interventions will be put in place when your child's attendance becomes 'at risk' of becoming PA. This may include supportive parent meetings.

Being persistently absent may make you liable for fines or school attendance referrals.