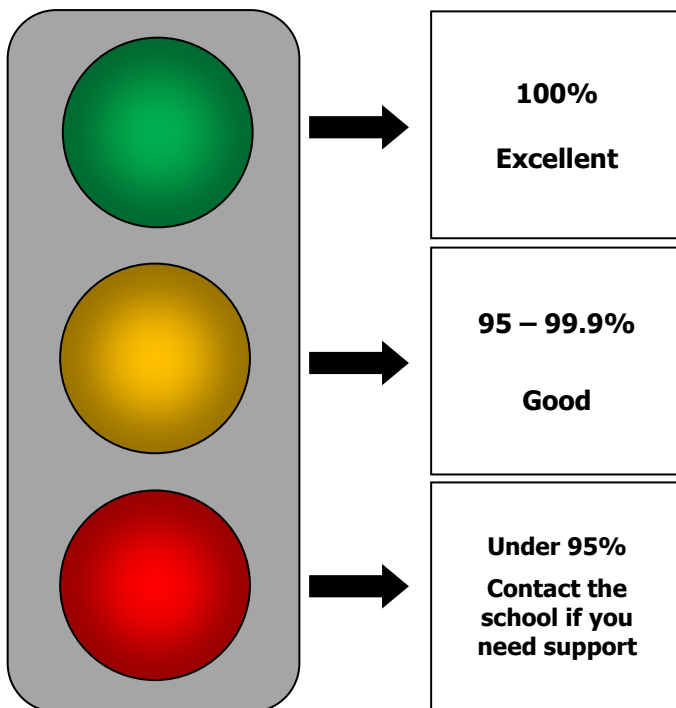




RESPONSIBILITIES

- ☺ Parents need to make attendance a priority.
- ☺ It is the parents' responsibility to contact the school to report any absence, by 8.55 am please.
- ☺ **Tel 01273 607 924**
- ☺ **First Call System:** If a child is absent in the morning and the school has not received an explanation by 9.25 am, we will text and/or telephone home.
- ☺ Your child should return to school as soon as he/she is able to do so.
- ☺ If you have ANY concerns about attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss.

Attendance Facts

If your child's attendance is **100%** they will be able to make the best of all the opportunities available to them.

Children who's attendance is above 95% are more likely to gain 5 or more A-C GCSEs or equivalent qualifications.

If your child has **90% attendance** over the whole 11 years of their school life, they will have missed over one year's education!

91.1% attendance = missing 17 days of school in one year.

Missing 17 days a year also means dropping 1 GCSE grade (on average).

Children with less than 85% attendance are unlikely to gain 5 A*- C GCSEs.

82.1% attendance = missing 34 days of school in one year.

If your child has **80% attendance** over the whole 11 years at school, they will miss over TWO years education!

Poor attendance like this will have a serious impact on education and life chances.



Learning and Growing Together, Unique in God's Eyes

ON TIME, EVERY DAY!

Punctual and regular school attendance is essential for successful learning from the time a child starts school.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School.

Whitehawk Hill Road
Brighton BN2 0AH
01273607924

Email: admin@stjohn.brighton-hove.sch.uk
Web site: sjb.brighton-hove.dbprimary.com

Holidays

In total there are 175 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to:

- ☺ Spend time together
- ☺ Go on family visits and days out
- ☺ Go on holiday
- ☺ Go shopping
- ☺ Attend routine appointments

If your child has a holiday of 1 week during term time and 10 days of illness, they would miss 75 hours of education in an academic year. If this pattern were to be repeated throughout your child's school life, they would miss almost a year of their education.

IMPACT ON CHILDREN OF HOLIDAYS OR FREQUENT ABSENCES DURING TERM TIME:

- Feeling 'different' or worried about letting the class down (attendance cup)
- Feeling left out' of friendship groups
- Finding it difficult to catch up with missed learning e.g. the introduction to a new Maths rule.
- Feeling left out of social occasions / events e.g. the end of term party.



Wherever possible please make medical and dental appointments outside of school hours



Illness

If your child has a slight cough or cold and you feel they are not infectious to other children, please send them into school, letting the school office know.

If your child has a stomach bug, please keep them at home for 48 hours so as not to spread the bug to others.

If you are unsure, please contact the school office for advice.

*If there is a medical reason why your child can't go outside at playtimes, please send a note to the school office to

Under 90% attendance = A PERSISTENT ABSENTEE

Persistent absentees A persistent absentee is a child who misses on average one day of school each week throughout the academic year.

Please check on the school website for our Attendance & Punctuality Policy.

The Law

The Education Act 1996 requires parents to ensure their children of compulsory school age receive efficient full-time education.

The law says that parents/carers whose children of compulsory school age are absent from school without good reason are committing an offence.

Unauthorised absence includes:

- ⊗ Arriving after the register has closed at 9.25am
- ⊗ Shopping trips
- ⊗ Birthday treats involving absence
- ⊗ Visiting relatives

You need to be aware that, although you may provide a reason for absence, it is for the school to decide how the absence is recorded.

Brighton and Hove Welfare Service can issue a fixed penalty notice (fine) for any absence, or 10 or more absences in a 10 week period; this does not have to be consecutive

Please check your child's attendance on their annual report or at the school office