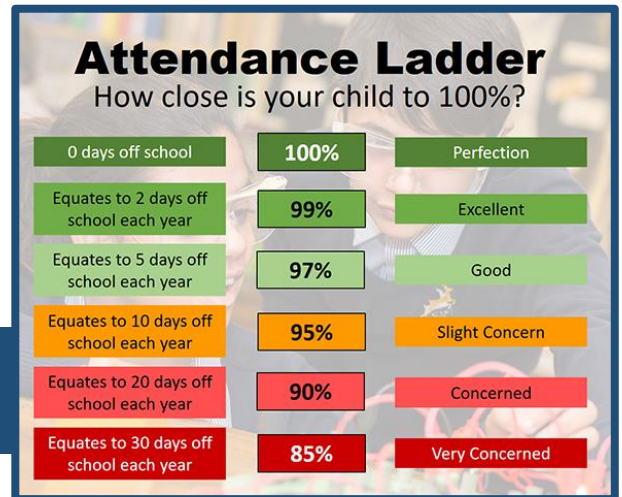


GOOD

ATTENDANCE



At Raysfield we are all working together to improve our service. The local authority and our community recognise we are making great strides in our improvement journey. We are proud of Team Raysfield and keen to improve in all areas, including attendance. This is a challenge where we NEED all of your support.

Missing school = missing out!

It is well known that educational achievement is directly related to good attendance and we do not want any of our children to miss the exciting learning opportunities offered every day at Raysfield.

The school governors and I have recently reviewed the Attendance Policy in order to improve our attendance data. We have a new more rigorous approach to supporting those who find it hard to maintain good attendance. We will be working closely with the school's Education Welfare Officer to achieve an improved attendance score. **Our target is 97%**



Mrs Lorraine Carter, our Family Link Worker, will be supporting the school's leadership to achieve our school target. Mrs Carter has supported lots of children at Raysfield for many years in her role as Nurture Lead and this role will compliment and extend the services the school will be able to offer you. Please look out for Mrs Carter, she will be on the gate every Wednesday.

ATTENDANCE MYTH BUSTER!

Does the school fine parents for holidays? The school can only make a request to fine parents, if they remove their children for more than 10 sessions (5 days) holiday. **ALL HOLIDAYS ARE UNAUTHORISED** The Local Authority then make the decision to fine the family, in accordance with the Local Authority Attendance Policy. They issue the fine and the money goes to the Local Authority and not the school. The fine is £60 per child, per parent. The school and Local Authority can request to fine parents if their child has more than 10 unauthorised sessions within a 6 week period.

If my child is not yet 5 years old, are they subject to the school's Attendance Policy? The answer to this question is **YES**. If your child is on the school's register and started school, you have signed up to all the policies and procedures of the school.

My child has been sick, they need to have 48 hours off school? 48 hours are a guideline given to schools from Public Health. If your child has suffered with sickness and diarrhoea we recommend they stay absent from school for 48 hours from their last bout of illness. However, if your child has been sick because they have eaten too much, coughing too hard, they do not need to stay away from school for 48 hours.