

REGULAR ATTENDANCE

Regular school attendance is crucial for your child's educational progress. Being present allows children to form lasting friendships, develop essential interpersonal skills, and contribute to better mental health and overall wellbeing.

AUTHORISED ABSENCE

Schools must only grant levels of absence for specific circumstances set out in the 2024 attendance regulations.

The permitted circumstances are:

- Taking part in a regulated performance or employment abroad.
- Attending an interview
- Study leave
- A temporary, time-limited part-time timetable
- Exceptional circumstances

Unfortunately, a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance



PENALTY NOTICE CHANGES

There are significant changes to penalty notices for unauthorized absences during term time..

New penalty rates:

• £160 per parent per child, £80 if paid within 21 days

• Second offence within 3 years:

£160 with no discount

• Penalty after 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorized absence in a rolling 10-school week period.

• This includes late arrivals after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.

• Max 2 penalties in 3 years per

• child. Further offences may lead to prosecution



LATE TO SCHOOL

School registers close at 9.20am. The guidance states, "if a pupil arrives after the register has closed, the attendance register must be amended to record them as absent using code U or another absence code that is more appropriate".



Phoenix Primary School Attendance Update Statutory Government Guidelines



ACADEMIC BENEFITS

Better Learning

Regular attendance helps Pupils keep up with lessons and understand new learning

Make Progress

Attending school everyday means pupils don't fall behind and can stay on track.

Higher Attainment

Being in school regularly gives children more chances to improve their marks.

Increased Participation.

Regular attendance helps pupils get involved in a wide range of activities

Extra Support

Pupils who attend regularly have better access to teachers and extra help when needed.



SOCIAL BENEFITS

Improved Social skills

Being in school helps children make friends and learn how to work with others.

Sense of Belonging

Attending regularly helps children feel part of the school community.

Teamwork

Working with classmates in lessons and activities builds teamwork skills.

WELLBEING BENEFITS

Emotional Stability

Being in school helps children to learn to manage emotions, builds patience, cooperation, and independence.

Good Habits

Regular attendance builds important life skills like time management and responsibility.



ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

Following the new government statutory guidance around attendance, we want to reiterate the support that is available to our children and their families. If a child is absent for more than 2 days, school will conduct a home visit to check in.

At Phoenix Primary School we are committed to developing a supportive and nurturing environment that priorities the mental health and well being of every student.

Our teaching staff provide resources, guidance, and care needed to help our pupils thrive academically and personally.

