



Attendance Update

As I am sure you are aware, good attendance is crucial when it comes to a child's achievement and academic progress. The national target for all schools and every child in a school is that attendance should be above 95.5% if there is to be no detrimental impact on a child's progress. Any pupil who is below 90% attendance is considered to be persistently absent.

Attendance Rewards

To show how much we value good attendance we are introducing a number of incentives for pupils. This includes rewarding the form group with the highest attendance with a trophy each week. The form with the highest attendance over a half term in years 7-9 will be rewarded with an hour off timetable during the last week of a half term with a member of the pastoral team undertaking reward activities. Those with 100% attendance will be given a certificate at the end of each term and go into a prize draw for a big money prize at the end of the year.

Attendance support

At Shavington we monitor the attendance of all our pupils closely and if a pupil's attendance falls below 90% then we may take certain actions to support a child and their family to raise their school attendance.

This may include:

- Invitation to an attendance group where we discuss with pupils the importance of good attendance
- Inviting parents and their child in to speak to a member of the pastoral team to see what more can be done to support better attendance or what extra interventions the school needs to implement to support your child from falling behind.
- Include referrals to outside agencies such as family support or NHS services.
- 10 or more unauthorised absences may be subject to a fixed penalty notice.

Holidays

Due to a change in legislation from September 2013 we are unable to grant authorisation for holidays or leave unless the circumstances are exceptional. We will consider all applications and if the reason for leave is due to an important exceptional one off event, an equivalent educational activity, a genuine work commitments that prevent holidays at any other time or extreme personal circumstances then the Head Teacher has the authority, by law, to authorise absence.

If you wish to clarify whether your circumstances are likely to be authorised please contact Mrs Skelding, Assistant Headteacher.

All requests for authorised absence need to be completed on one of our school forms and we will ask for evidence of your exceptional circumstances.