

ATTENDANCE

Every Day Counts

Good attendance is the key to successful schooling.

Going to school every day means:

- ✓ Learning new skills
- ✓ Building lasting relationships
- ✓ Taking part in fun activities
- ✓ Developing confidence and resilience



WICKFORD
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Every Minute Counts

Pupils arriving on time have the chance to settle into the day and complete early morning activities which are crucial to their learning for the rest of the day.

Did You Know?

90% attendance is equivalent to missing 100 hour-long lessons and a whole month over the year.

Missing just 7 mins of school every day is the same as missing a whole week over the year!

95% attendance is equivalent to two weeks off during the school year.



There are 190 statutory school days in one year. That means there are 175 days available for holidays.

There is no automatic entitlement in law to time off in school time to go on holiday.

Headteachers cannot authorise leave in term-time unless there are **exceptional** circumstances.

Any time taken without agreement of the school will be classed as unauthorised and may attract a penalty notice.



If your child says they do not feel well, consider:

Is your child well enough to do the activities in a school day?

Does your child have a condition that could be passed on to other children?

Would you take the day off work if I had this condition?

If your child has a medical or dental appointment:

Always try to make these appointments outside the school day.

If they need to be during school time, do your best to make them after 2.30pm to reduce the impact on your child's learning.

Authorised absences are mornings or afternoons absent from school for good reasons, like illness or medical/ dental appointments which unavoidably fall in school time.

Unauthorised absences are those which school do not consider reasonable and may lead to Essex County Council issuing a penalty notice: no explanation given by parent, birthday, shopping trip, being unable to participate in a lesson e.g. PE.