

What about medical appointments?

We encourage parents to make medical or dental appointments outside of school hours. If this is not possible, your child should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. It's important to remember that regular attendance at school is important for your child's education and future success.

Illness Guidance

Being ill may prevent your child from coming to school, but, if they can get out of bed and play or enjoy TV, they should be in school. Coughs and sneezes are not an excuse to miss school and feeling tired is not an illness. Looking after your child is very important to us and we will of course contact you if we feel they should be at home.



Did you know...?

If your child attends school between 95% and 100%, they have the potential to achieve their best, educationally and socially.

At Acre View, our ambitious attendance target is 96%

10 days off per year = 94.7%
Attendance that falls below 90% is classed as "persistently absent".

Please work with us to ensure that your child's attendance is good and let us know if there is anything that we can do to support you.

Thank you.



Acre View Primary School Attendance Leaflet

Information for Parents and
Carers



Why is good attendance important?

Regular attendance is essential for children to achieve their full potential. Pupils with higher attendance do better in school and gain confidence. Regular attendance is essential for children to get the most out of their school experience including attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances.



What can you do to help?

Encourage good attendance by making sure your child attends school regularly.

Support our school in our focus on improving attendance.

Inform us on the first day of absence and keep us up to date throughout the absence.

Tell us if you are struggling, we are here to help.

What does the law say?

The law in the UK requires that all children between the ages of 5 and 16 attend school regularly. As a parent or carer, it is your responsibility to make sure your child attends school every day unless there is a valid reason for absence, such as illness. If your child is absent from school without a good reason, school may contact you to find out why. If your child's attendance is low, school may take further action such as involving the local authority or taking legal action. It's important to remember that regular attendance is important for your child's education and future success.



Can we take a holiday?

Schools have a legal duty to make sure that children attend school regularly. Taking your child out of school during term time can have a negative impact on their learning and progress. Permission for a holiday during term time can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. If you take your child out of school without permission, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could result in a fine. It's important to plan your holidays around school breaks, so your child doesn't miss out on important lessons and activities. Remember, your child's education is important and regular attendance at school is essential for their progress and future success.