

Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

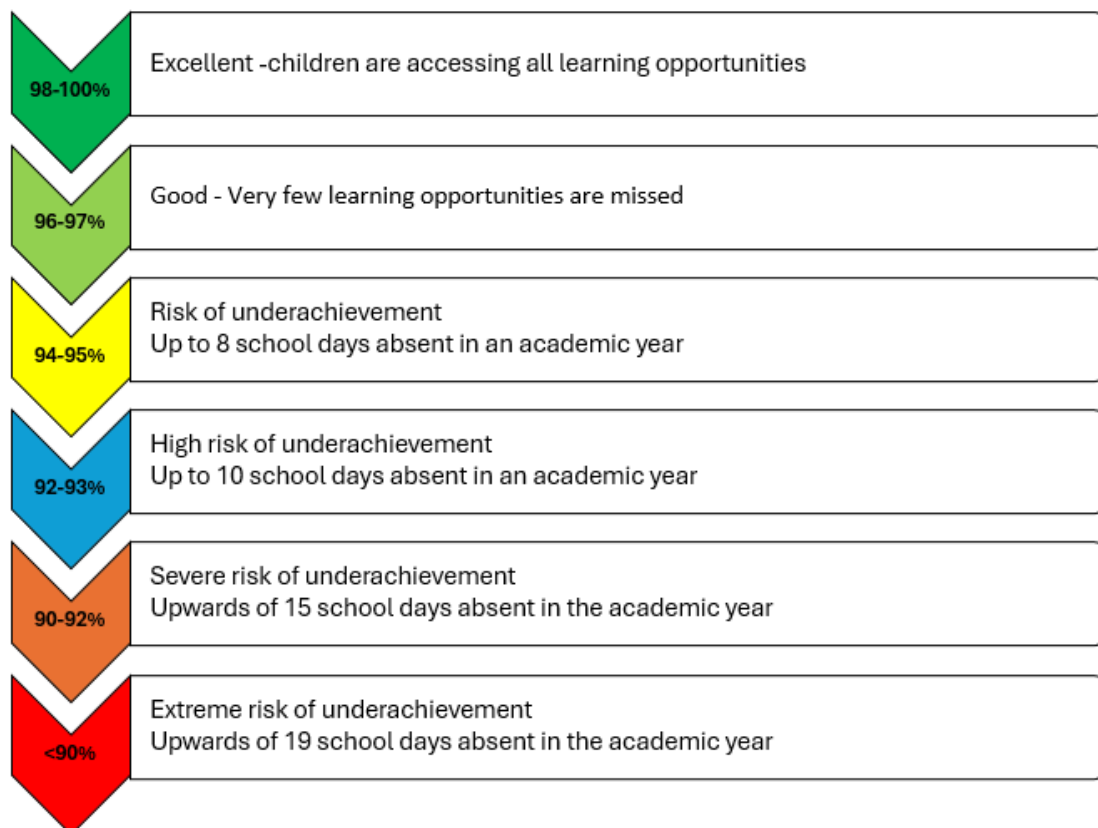
The name and contact details of the school staff member pupils and parents should contact about attendance on a day-to-day basis is:

Name:	Louisa Fanstone, Attendance Lead
Telephone number	01491 202502
Email address	attendance@benson.oxon.sch.uk

We expect pupils to attend school for 100% of the academic year. You can support your child to have excellent attendance by taking these steps:

- Ensure your child arrives on time for school every day and is ready to learn. Arriving after registration is recorded as an unauthorised absence. Pupils must be in school by 08:45am.
- Avoid taking holidays during term time.
- If your child appears to be only slightly ill, send them to school. We have staff who will contact you if their condition deteriorates.
- Book any medical appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, please book for as late in the afternoon as possible and inform the school of appointments in advance.
- Supply a copy of the appointment card or hospital letter if your child has an appointment during school hours.

If your child becomes reluctant to go to school or you need help, please contact the school immediately; we are more likely to be able to work together to solve any problems if we act early.



‘On the day ’absences: what should I do if my child is not ‘fit ’to go into school?

On each day your child is unfit to come to school, please report this absence by emailing or phoning the school office office.3181@benson.oxon.sch.uk 01491 202502 to let us know by **9.00am**. In the message you must leave your child’s full name, class and give the specific reason for absence. The information you give will be recorded on our official register.

Leave of Absence

There may be exceptional circumstances where you need to request a leave of absence for your child. The request should be submitted using a request for absence form (available from the school office) in advance of the leave of absence. You will receive a response in writing, to advise if the request has been granted or declined.

Punctuality

Pupils are expected to arrive on time for school in the morning and for every lesson during the day. Your child is late to school if they are not on site in the appropriate entry area by **08:45am**.

The Government remains very clear that no child should miss school apart from in exceptional circumstances and schools must continue to take steps to reduce absence to support children’s attainment. I hope we can count on your support in this matter.

Please contact Louisa Fanstone, Attendance Lead if you require any support with ensuring your child’s regular school attendance.

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