

## *Every child deserves an education- always strive for 100% attendance.*

As a parent, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child attends the Academy regularly and on time. Good attendance and punctuality is very important for your child's education and future prospects. As an Academy we are advising parents to please make this a priority.

At Outwood Academy Freeston we have an attendance policy in place that sets out the expectations for attendance and punctuality, and the consequences of non-attendance.

If your child needs to miss school due to illness or a family emergency, it is important to inform the school as soon as possible and provide evidence where necessary.

To support your child's attendance, it is important you work with us and follow the guidance. By doing so, you can help your child get the most out of their education and set them up for success in the future.

Here are some things you can do to support your child's attendance:

- ★ Make sure your child goes to school regularly and on time. Establish a routine for getting ready for school in the morning and for completing homework and reading in the evening.
- ★ Communicate with the Academy about your child's attendance. If your child is going to be absent, inform us as soon as possible and provide an explanation. If your child is having difficulties with attendance, please work with the school to identify the cause and find a solution.
- ★ Encourage your child to take an active interest in their education. This can help to motivate them to attend school and engage in their studies.
- ★ Get involved in your child's education. Attend parents evening, ask them if they learned anything interesting that day, and stay informed about what is happening at school. We have lots of rewards for fantastic attendance! This can help you to support your child's attendance and academic progress.

**100%**  
**PERFECTION**

**96%+**  
**VERY GOOD**

At this level, you give yourself the best chance of achieving your potential. 96% equals 7.5 days absence in a year.

**93% - 95.9%**  
**COULD BE BETTER**

95% means a half-day missed every 2 weeks.

In a year, that's 43 lessons to catch up on.

**90.1% - 92.9%**  
**IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED**

92% equals 3 weeks of lost learning every year.

Between Y7 and Y11, this means 15 weeks lost in total.

**90% and below**  
**PERSISTENTLY ABSENT**

At 90%, you have missed almost 100 lessons in a year.

Attendance at 90% each year means that by Y11, you will have missed out on 6 months learning.

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