



PRESENCE and ATTENDANCE

Attendance and absence from school is monitored regularly at Victoria Park and the importance of getting into good habits and routines for attending school is essential.

Ensuring good attendance at school and removing any potential barrier to coming to school is essential to ensure that your child continues to make progress.

Whilst we appreciate that from time to time your child will have to attend health appointments or may fall ill and have to stay off school, in situations where there are increasing and/or sporadic absences from school without no valid reason given, we have no choice but to get in touch with you to explore what we can do to improve this.

As the following image highlights, if your child's attendance sits at 80% this is the equivalent of at least 29 days of learning lost over a session which also equates to 145 hours of learning time lost.

Please help to ensure that your child regularly attends school. Our school takes a positive approach to supporting all of our families and we offer the following supports to everyone to promote positive attendance at school

- Positive school ethos and climate
- Positive relationships Policy
- Team Around the Child Meetings with key staff involved in the support of your child
- Our two School and Family Development Workers, Hester Gregory and Carrie Lorimer are both on hand to support building positive relationships with families, facilitating groups (which are always needs led) and working supporting individual pupils. They are also on hand to signpost families to other avenues of support from a range of external agencies and partners. Hester and Carrie have a great deal of experience and success in helping to support families - particularly when there have been issues with attendance.

