



THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD'S BLUECOAT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

At Bishop's School, good attendance and punctuality remain a top priority. We share your commitment to help your child thrive and we value the strong partnership between home and school.

We recognise that on occasion some children may experience illness or have exceptional reasons preventing regular attendance. To assist parents deciding whether their child is too ill to attend school or otherwise, the NHS have produced a guide that you may find useful:

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Students should not miss school on a precautionary basis and can normally attend with a mild cough or cold, unless they have a fever (38°C or higher), diarrhoea, or vomiting.

Working together ensures your child can reach their academic potential and be well-prepared for further education and future employment. Regular attendance helps your child to:

- Access lessons and achieve their grades
- Build and maintain friendships
- Develop life skills
- Build good habits like punctuality, essential for the world of work

90% attendance may seem good, but it does mean that your child misses half a day of school every week, the equivalent of 19 school days (almost one whole month), during the year. Children who miss this amount of school do not achieve as well as their peers who attend more regularly.

	Impact over 1 school year	Impact over 5 school years
100% Attendance	0 days missed	0 days missed
95% Attendance	9 days of absence 1 Week and 4 Days of learning lost	¼ year learning lost
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of learning lost	½ year learning lost

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85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of learning lost	$\frac{3}{4}$ year learning lost
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of learning lost	1 year learning lost
75% Attendance	47 Days of Absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning lost	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ years learning lost

Our attendance policy is available to read on our website:

<https://www.bhbs.hereford.sch.uk/page/?title=Policies+%26amp%3B+Documents&pid=42>

This explains how we monitor attendance and follow up absence.

We know being a parent/carer can be challenging at times and we are here to help if there are any problems affecting your child. If you are worried about your child's attendance, please contact your child's mentor in the first instance.

Some guidance and support information linked to school attendance is available on the following webpages - [School attendance and absences information for parents and carers – Herefordshire Council](#).

We look forward to working with you to ensure your child thrives at our school.

Kind regards

Pastoral Team