

ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS

Attendance Top Tips

GET READY

Make sure clothes and bags are ready the night before



BEDTIME ROUTINE

Ensure children keep a regular bedtime to establish a morning routine, so they are rested and alert when they get to school. Turn off all children's electronics, including TVs, phones, computers, and tablets, at night.

ILL? – CHECK WITH US

Call the school office or see our NHS 'What to do' guide if you are not sure whether to keep your child at home. Counsellors are also available each morning to help children who feel anxious about attending school.



BACK-UP PLAN

Develop a back-up plan for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbour, or another parent to take your child to school.



We are here to help
Attending school has a HUGE impact on success,
mental health and friendship

You can contact our attendance team whenever you need to.

New Cross Street:

01274 777360

Usher Street:

01274 724581

Email: office@bowlingparkacademy.co.uk

Our 'Support First' Approach

Sadly, in 2023-24 over 90 families in school were fined by Bradford Council for taking their child on holiday during term time, over 20 were fined for low attendance and 4 families were prosecuted.

- We want to avoid this.
- We want to remove any 'barriers' to your child attending school.

Help we can offer:

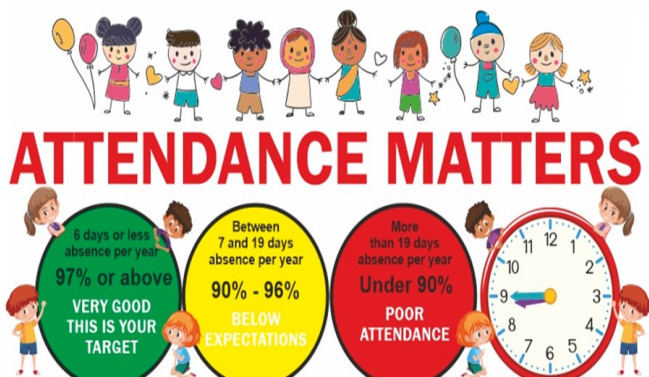
'Family Navigators' and 'Early Help' can help with:

- Home Routines
- Managing tricky behaviour
- Finance and benefits

We can also signpost you to other services which may be able to help you.



Attendance at Bowling Park



How many weeks and days do children miss if attendance is...

90%	1 week 2 days per term OR 4 weeks per year!
80%	2 weeks 4 days per term OR 8 weeks per year!
70%	4 weeks 1 days per term OR 12 weeks per year!
60%	5 weeks 3 days per term OR 16 weeks per year!

Children are at school for 190 days per year (38 weeks)

Percentage attendance by Year 11

If you got 90% in a test you would think that was good, but not with attendance!

90% - 20 weeks or 1 ½ Term

80% - 40 weeks or 1 Year

70% - 60 weeks or 1 ½ Years

60% - 80 weeks or 2 Years

50% - 100 weeks or 2 ½ Years

Why does attendance matter?

- ◆ It is the law.
- ◆ 'Pupils with no absence are over twice as likely to achieve 5 grade 5s and above in their GCSEs.'
- ◆ 'There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower academic achievement.'
- ◆ 90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades of GCSE and around one third achieve no GCSEs!!!
- ◆ To experience new things in life.
- ◆ To build confidence and self-esteem.
- ◆ To have fun and make friends.



School's role in supporting good attendance

If we have not received a call or email telling us your child is absent, we will call you.

If we are unable to get hold of you, we will carry out a home visit

If your child's attendance falls below 90%, we have to inform Bradford Council, who may issue an £80 fine to each parent.

However, we want to work *with* families to understand reasons for low attendance and support wherever we can.



Why does punctuality matter?

- ◆ Being late 15 minutes every day is the same as missing 2 whole weeks of school over a full academic year.
- ◆ Being late means you miss out on your learning – then you feel behind, then you get stressed....
- ◆ However – if you are running late, DO still come in. There will be less catching up to do then.



School Starts at 8.35am prompt

If you arrive later than 9.05am, your child will receive an absence mark for the morning.