



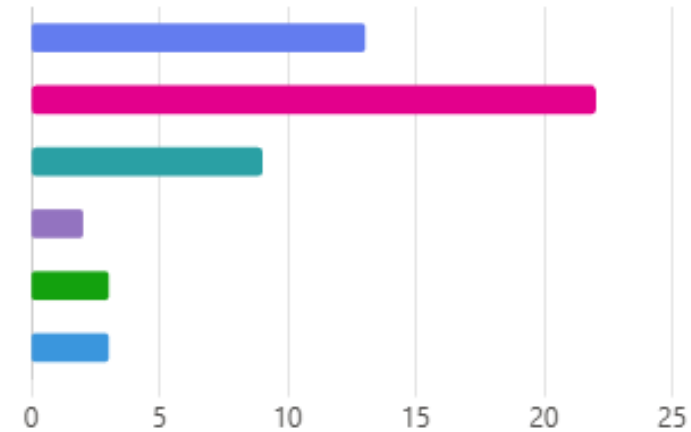
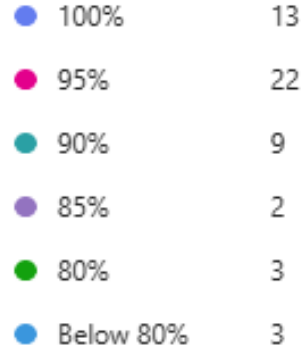
## ATTENDANCE PARENT SURVEY



**OUR TARGET FOR THIS YEAR  
IS 96%-97%**

Success for all - Nothing Less!

## What do you feel is an acceptable level of school attendance?



We aim for every student to achieve an attendance rate of 95% or higher. Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning and development.

An attendance rate of 95% means your child should not miss more than 9 days in a school year.

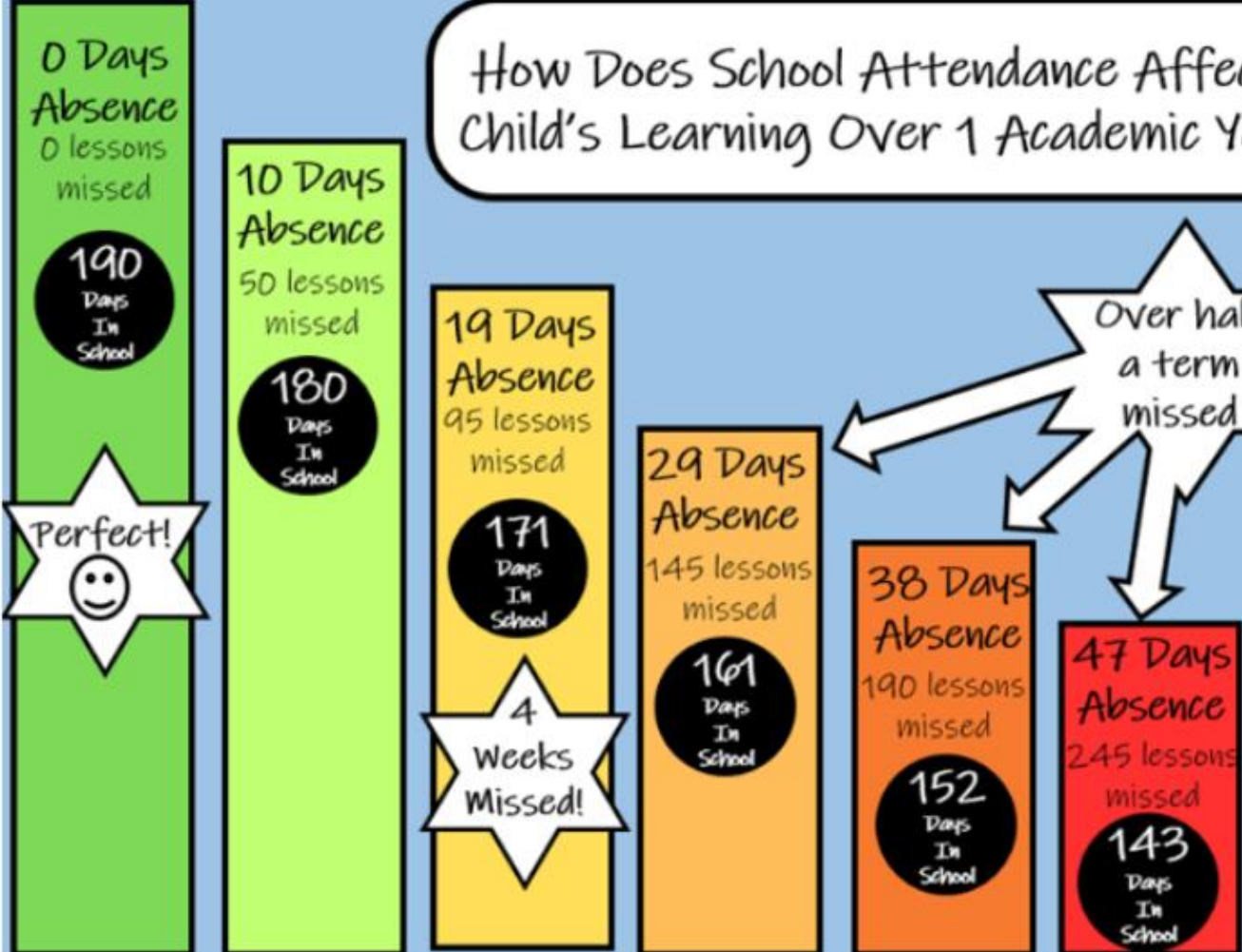
Missing 10% or more of school sessions categorises a student as persistently absent, which can significantly impact their progress.

If you have any concerns or face challenges in ensuring your child's regular attendance, please reach out to us. We are here to support you and provide resources to help overcome any barriers.



# How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning Over 1 Academic Year?

365 Days in a Year  
190 School Days  
175 Non-School Days



Over half a term missed

Having an average of 90% attendance over 5 years equals half a school year's learning missed

A 2 week holiday in term time means that the best attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%

100% Attendance

95% Attendance

90% Attendance

85% Attendance

80% Attendance

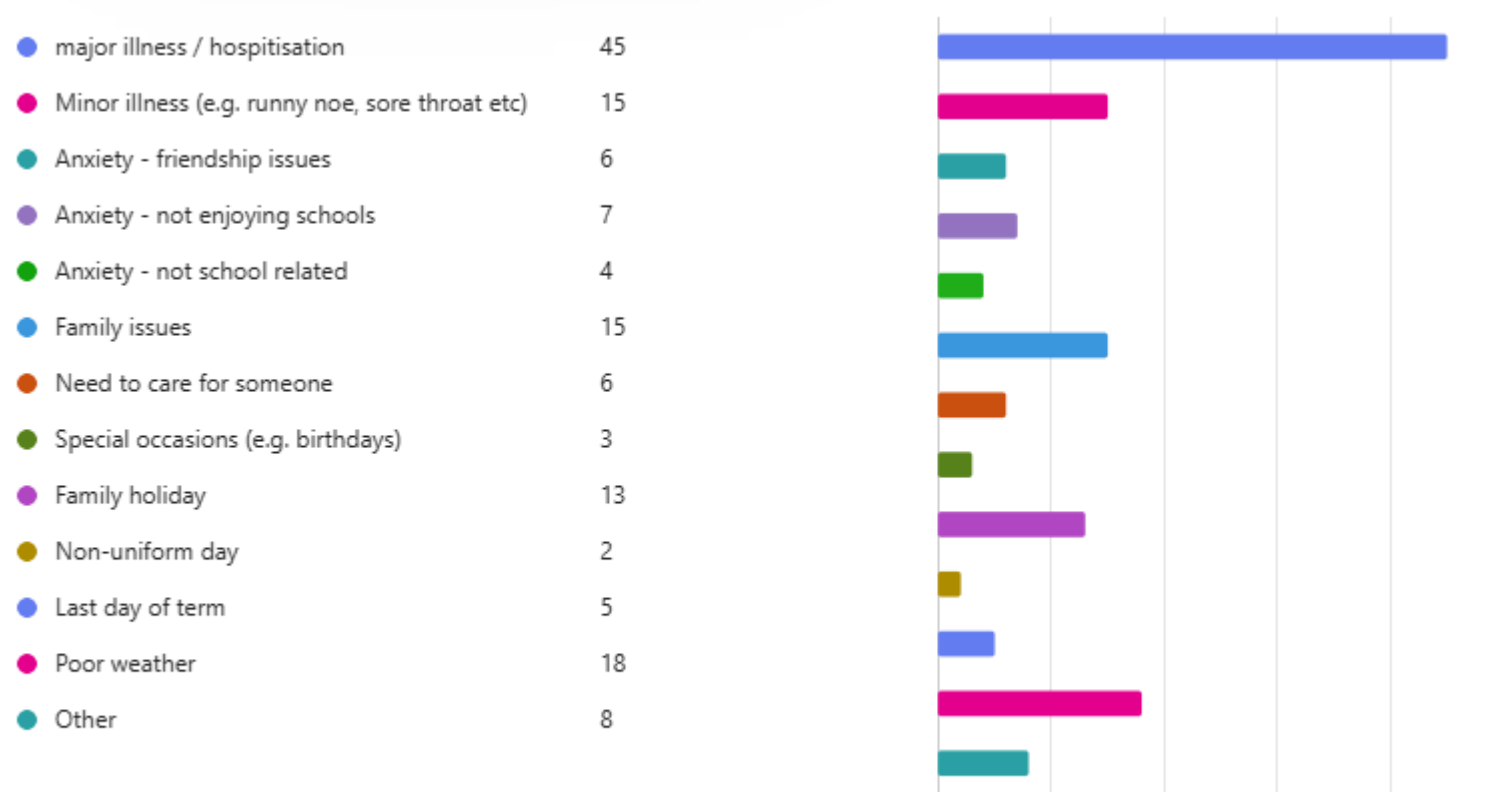
75% Attendance

Greatest chance of being successful

Less chance of being successful

Serious impact on education and reduced life chances

## What reasons would your child stay off school for? (tick all that apply)



Our school policy follows the current government guidelines, which state that term-time holidays are not authorised and may result in penalty notices being issued to parents.

We understand that there may be exceptional circumstances, and we are always open to discussing these with you. Should you wish to apply for a leave of absence, please do so in advance by contacting our Attendance Officer.

If you have any concerns about your child's emotional wellbeing, please contact school. Our wellbeing team will be able to offer support and advice.

# Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!



With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

## What is a Penalty Notice?

A penalty notice is an out of court settlement which is intended to change behaviour without the need for criminal prosecution. If repeated penalty notices are being issued and they are not working to change behaviour they are unlikely to be most appropriate tool. Therefore, from August 2024, only 2 penalty notices can be issued to the same parent in respect of the same child within a 3 year rolling period and any second notice within that period is charged at a higher rate. Any further offences will result in criminal prosecution. The law will be clear that where a Penalty Notice threshold is met, the school must consider if a Penalty Notice is appropriate.

### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### 5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

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### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

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### Second Offence (within 3 years)

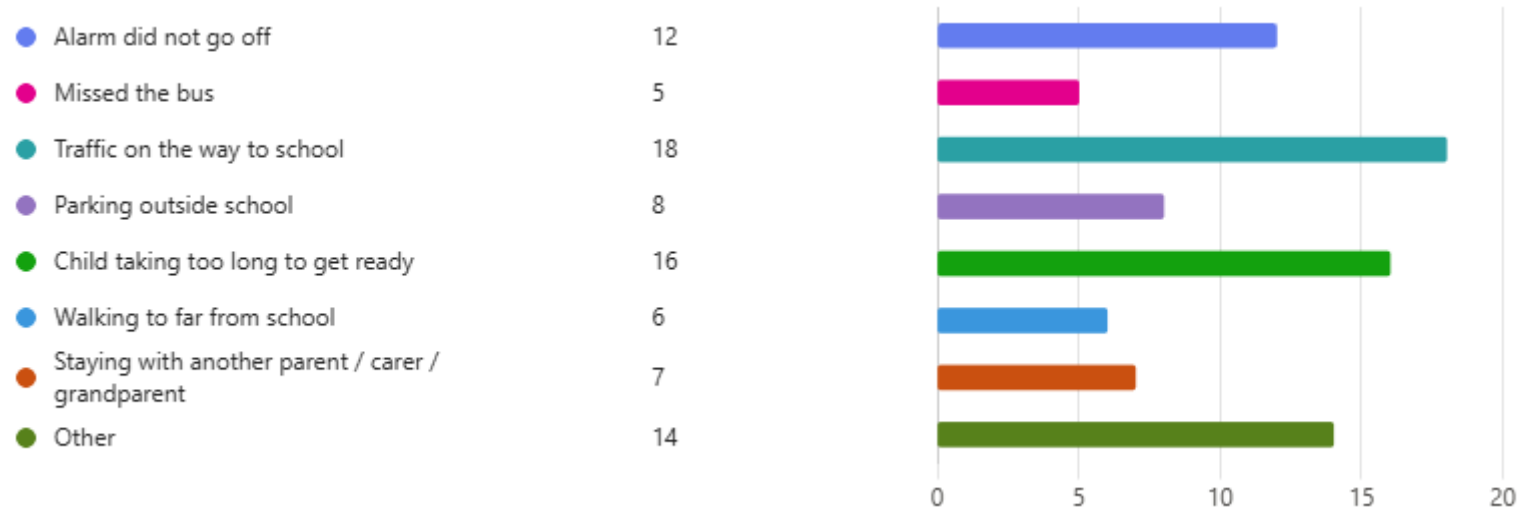
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

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### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

What can cause your child to be late? (tick all that apply)



### **Maximises Learning Time**

Being punctual ensures that pupils do not miss out on important lessons or activities. It maximises their learning time and allows them to start the day on a positive note.

### **Promotes Discipline**

Regular punctuality instils discipline and sets a standard for behaviour. It teaches students the value of time management and responsibility.

### **Reduces Disruptions**

Late arrivals can disrupt the class and affect the concentration of both the teacher and the students. Punctuality helps maintain a smooth and uninterrupted flow of lessons.

### Encourages Respect

Being on time shows respect for others, including classmates and teachers. It demonstrates consideration for the efforts and schedules of others in the school community.

### Prepares for Future Success

Punctuality is a life skill that prepares pupils for future educational endeavours and professional environments, where being on time is often crucial.

**PUNCTUALITY**  
IF ANY OF THESE SOUND FAMILIAR THEN IT'S TIME TO FIX YOUR TIMEKEEPING!

My alarm clock exploded and I slept through it.

I was abducted by aliens - look I've got a note to prove it!

I'm fairly sure school starts at 10:00 - maybe I'm early?

The bus driver got off at the stop before mine.

**5 minutes late per day,**  
every day of the week adds up to 3 days of lost school time.

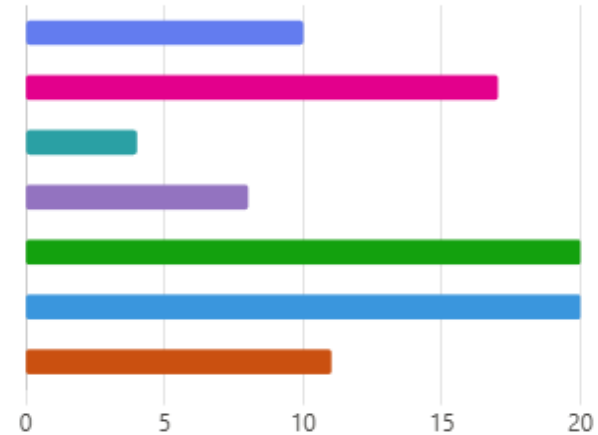
10 minutes = 6.5 days lost per school year	15 minutes = 10 days lost per school year	20 minutes = 13 days lost per school year	30 minutes = 19 days lost per school year
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**WHAT TO DO THE NIGHT BEFORE**

- Get everything you need for school ready.

## Why do some children not want to come to school? (tick all that apply)

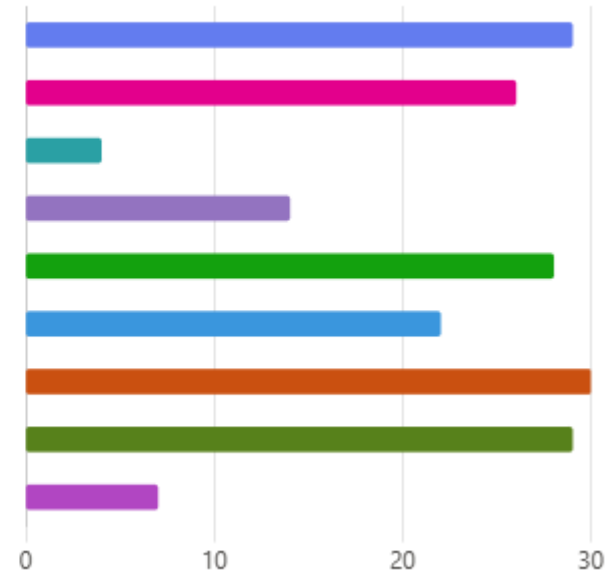
● Do not like the lesson	10
● Finds the work too hard	17
● Finds the work too easy	4
● Not completed their homework	8
● Peer Pressure	20
● Tired from staying up too late	20
● Other	11



If your child does not want to come to school for any of these reasons, please contact their class teacher or our Attendance Officer. We are here to help.

What can we do at Longshaw to encourage children to come to school every day? Tick all that apply

● Enjoyable lesson	29
● Attendance Certificates	26
● Detention for being late	4
● Contact parents	14
● Positive Postcards	28
● Class Competitions	22
● Prizes for improved attendance	30
● Attendance awards e.g. trip	29
● Other	7



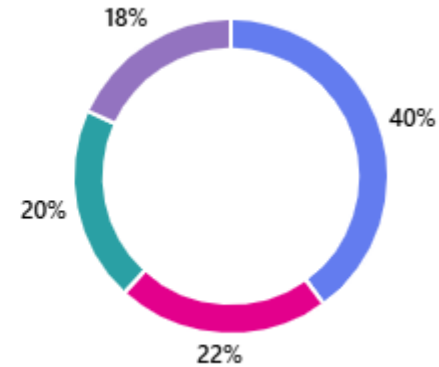
### Rewards

At Longshaw, we have a range of rewards to celebrate 100% attendance, attendance above 95% and improving attendance. This half term, we are focusing on our Positive Postcards.

We will be asking our School Council what rewards the children will like for the Spring and Summer Term.

How could we improve the way children arrive at school? Tick all that apply

● Breakfast Club	22
● Earlier start to the school day	12
● Walking bus	11
● Other	10



### How could we improve the way the children arrive at school?

Please use our Breakfast Club, it is open from 8am and only cost £1.

### Living Streets Projects – WOW

Our children are involved in the WOW project. WOW is a pupil-led initiative where children self-report how they get to school every day using the interactive **WOW Travel Tracker**. If they travel sustainably (walk/wheel, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that easy! We will look into a Walking Bus initiative too.



THANK  
.. YOU  
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