

# Attendance

## Attendance – Raise Your Chances

We place a high importance on attendance at Sandhill Primary and feel every effort should be made to attend school regularly and to achieve 100% attendance. The greater your child's attendance at school, the more likely your child is to achieve their targets. The following information gives you some idea of what pupils should be working towards, and what action might be taken if you fall below accepted levels in line with LA guidelines.

The threshold for persistent absenteeism to below 90%.

**Attendance % 100% Excellent – this is what pupils could achieve.** It means they can be really successful and make lots of progress.

### **At or Above 97% - Above school target**

#### **95% Satisfactory**

This means a pupil has missed almost 10 school days in a year. **In five years this is almost a full term.**

#### **Below 95% is considered 'Unsatisfactory'**

At this stage our EWO, could be informed and a pupil's absence will be monitored. Parents may be contacted and may be invited to an internal school panel meeting in school.

#### **At or below 90% attendance**

This means a pupil has missed almost 20 days in a school year. **In five years this is ½ a school year.** At this level or attendance, your child is classed in the category of '**Persistent Absence**' and the school is expected to put things in place to improve a pupil's attendance. Parents will be contacted and expected to attend a meeting in school our Parent Support Advisor, our EWO or the Headteacher. At this stage parents can face further action such as a Fixed Penalty Notice.

**85% Poor** – This means a pupil has missed almost 30 days in a school year. **In five years this is ¾ of a school year.** At this stage parents face the possibility of court action.

**80% Very Poor** – This means a pupil has missed almost 40 days in a school year. **In five years this is a whole school year off school.**

At Sandhill we fully understand that there are exceptional circumstances that can impact on attendance and staff will work closely with families to offer the necessary support and advice. Ultimately we want all our children to attend for as many days as is possible to enable them to progress to the best of their ability and we hope to work with you to enable this to happen.