

FOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

If you value your child's education -Don't Miss A Day!

Research shows children who have 95% or above:

- Achieve better at school and better in later life
- Are more confident, happier and find school more enjoyable
- Find transition to Secondary School easier

Dear Parents/Carers

For the first time in recent years, with the exception of Covid, the attendance figures for Foxhill Primary School have fallen! This is mainly due to parents booking family holidays in term time or some children frequently taking extended periods of illness. Please be assured that if your child is too ill to be in school you will be contacted.

Education is compulsory once your child reaches 5 years of age and it is important that your child accesses every possible day in school. We encourage all our parents to make every effort not to withdraw their children during term time except in 'exceptional circumstances'. Governors do not consider family holidays to be 'exceptional circumstances', in line with the Local Authority guidelines.

Bradford Authority are bringing in stricter guidelines for Bradford Schools and have changed their attendance policy and will now fine parents whose child/children have been absent from school for **3 days or more in any 6 week period**. Consequently, and with immediate effect, The Governors have had no alternative other than to change Foxhill's Attendance Policy in line with Bradford. **Please see revised Policy on the school web site**. All term time holiday requests of 3 days or more will be forwarded to the Authority.

Yours sincerely

Richard Hainsworth
Chair of Governors

Mrs S Hey
Headteacher

OUTSTANDING	100%-99%	
GOOD	98%-97%	
SATISFACTORY	96%-95%	2 school weeks of lost Learning
UNSATISFACTORY	94%-90%	4 school weeks of lost learning
TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE	89%-76%	8 school weeks of lost learning
NEGLECT	75%-70%	12 school weeks of lost learning