



## Central School Attendance and Welfare Service Ltd (CSAWS)

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### **Re: Attendance**

Please see enclosed a copy of your child's attendance for the Autumn term. The table below will help you to understand your child's current attendance in terms of days and lessons missed.

<b>96-100%</b>	<b>0 – 3 Days absent</b>	<b>0- 15 Lessons missed</b>
<b>90-96%</b>	<b>3– 7.5 Days absent</b>	<b>15-37.5 Lessons missed</b>
<b>80-90%</b>	<b>7.5-14.5 Days absent</b>	<b>37.5- 72.5 Lessons missed</b>
<b>70-80%</b>	<b>14.5-22 Days absent</b>	<b>72.5-110 Lessons missed</b>

**\*Based on 144 possible sessions in the Autumn Term.**

Both CSAWS and Woodside C of E Primary School place a high value on excellent attendance for the following reasons:

- Research tells us that pupils with higher levels of attendance achieve higher attainment. Key Stage 2 pupils who did not achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and math's in 2019 had an overall absence rate of 4.7% over the key stage, compared with 3.5% among pupils who achieved the expected standard and 2.7% among those who achieved the higher standard.
- If a pupil is off for more than one day, it becomes harder and harder for them to catch up, which can lead to them not maintaining academic achievements or not knowing subject knowledge, as class learning may progress beyond that which was covered during a child's last attendance.
- Children who attend every day have more opportunities to play, build friendships and relationships with school staff. They may miss out on special things like trips or experience sessions which can make them feel like they're missing out, especially as children like to discuss these things during their social play times.

- Children who are frequently absent have less opportunities to familiarise themselves with school routines, and expectations which can lead them to feel unsure, awkward, self-conscious.

**We understand that** pupils may need to be absent from school due to illness but as much as possible it is essential that they attend regularly. This will give them the best possible start to their education.

If you are worried about your child's attendance, there are any barriers impacting on attendance or you think you need help or support for your child's attendance then please contact:

Mrs Johnson or Mrs King on 01827 715507, [office@woodside.bdmat.org.uk](mailto:office@woodside.bdmat.org.uk)

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Yours Sincerely



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