



WRL Attendance Newsletter

Autumn End of Term 2022



We monitor the attendance of all our pupils at Wheelwright Lane very carefully. We want our children to fulfil their potential and every minute of the day counts towards this.



"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today" Malcolm X



Attendance Matters



Our attendance  for the whole school is 96%



Wheelwright Lane Attendance Figures:

Our whole school attendance over the autumn term was 94.94%

Authorised absences this autumn term came to a total of 1111.

Unauthorised absences this autumn term came to a total of 328.

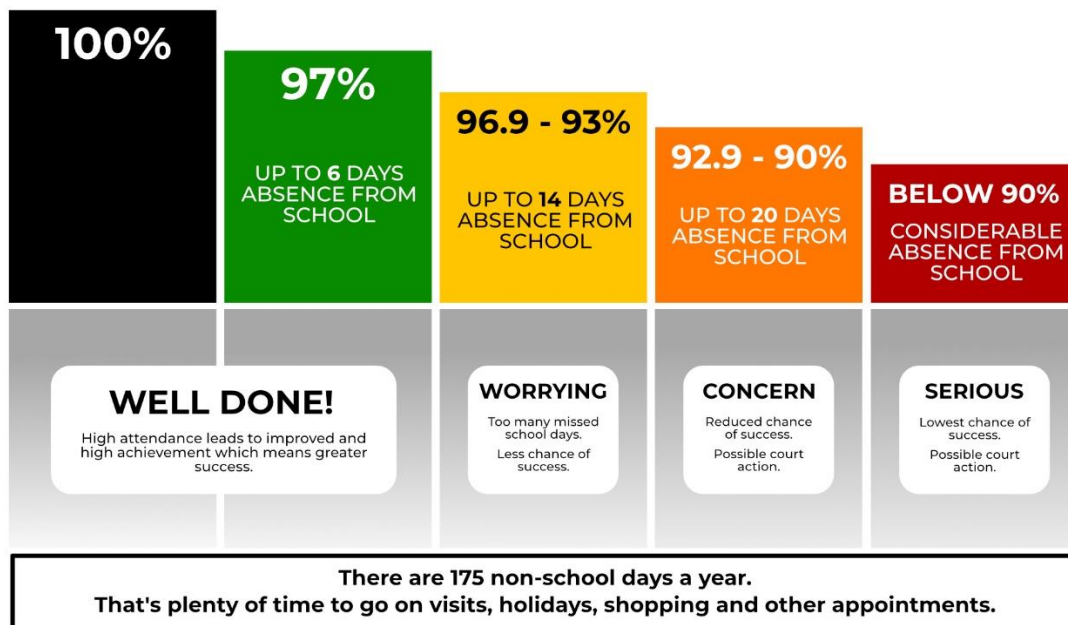
Our combined absence this half term came to a total of 1439.

Important Note:

90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the year - that's nearly 4 school weeks!

If your child has 90% attendance each year they are at our school they will miss a total of 28 weeks - which is half a school year lost!

What is your child's attendance?





Illnesses

If you are unsure about whether your child is well enough to attend school then please refer to our Attendance section on our school website which will give you more information. Some illnesses require specific periods of isolation and our website gives some helpful information.



Attendance and Safeguarding

We have a statutory duty to safeguard all of our pupils. If your child has had regular time off school we may ask that you provide a medical certificate from your child's doctor. Similarly, if you do not provide a reason as to why your child is off school it may trigger our safeguarding procedures or prompt a visit from our staff to ensure that everything is ok.



Phone calls and Letters

It is standard procedure for schools to make phone calls and send letters regarding pupil attendance. This is to ensure that your child is first and foremost safe and secondly to ensure they are attending compulsory education for school age children. All children have an entitlement to their education and we have a duty to ensure this happens. Please do not be offended if we call or contact you via letter to discuss your child's attendance. This is because we care about your child. We pride ourselves on putting all our children first and actively engage our parents in this process. We are here to help and support in any way we can.



Lateness

It is really important that pupils arrive to school on time. The school doors open at 8.45am to ensure children have time to say good morning to their friends and teachers and put their belongings away. This is a positive and cheerful way to start the day and be ready to learn. When children arrive in class they will have the opportunity to read their books or complete a focused learning task. This is a great way to get children's brains warmed up and ready for their lessons which will start promptly at 9am.



Children that are late to their lessons will miss out on all of these valuable experiences which can leave children feeling rushed, flustered and having to catch up on what everyone else is doing. Research tells us that this puts our brains into a high alert state which can impact on our ability to learn effectively. Being on time is so important for our children

The total figure for lateness over the autumn term was 313.



5 minutes late every day for a year is the same as 3 days absent!

Class attendance trophy

Each week we give out our Wheelwright Lane attendance trophy to the class with the best attendance across school that week. We keep you updated each week in our newsletter as to which class has won the trophy each week. The children get very excited about receiving this trophy each week



If you are concerned about your child's attendance then please get in touch with either a member of your child class team, a person in the office or school attendance leaders, Miss Rutherford and Mrs Harris.

Reception - Mrs Harris (Deputy Head Teacher)

Year 1 Mrs Ford and Mrs Wall

Year 2 Miss Wass

Year 3 Mrs Hammonds and Mrs Hunt

Year 4 Miss Scatena

Year 5 Mrs Hitchins and Mrs Haughey

Year 6 Mr Trew and Mrs Cullinane

Admin Team - Mrs Turner and Mrs Fardon

School Attendance Leads - Miss Rutherford (Headteacher)

Mrs Harris (Deputy Head Teacher)

SENDCO and Well Being and Mental Health Champion - Mrs Ford.

Best Wishes

Miss Rutherford

Headteacher.



Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Fair