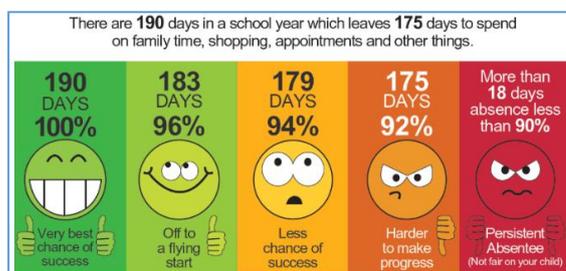


## Attendance

Dear Parent /Carer,

Here at Willow Green we are committed to ensuring the best possible outcomes for our children and recognise fully the impact that good attendance can have on our pupils' progress and development.

As stated in our Academy Attendance Policy, 'good attendance at school is essential for a pupil's education and also establishes a positive working ethos early in life.' Therefore, as in all schools, we monitor attendance rigorously to ensure that we can provide advice and support to help sustain good attendance for all of our pupils.



**Did you know? 10 minutes late every day = 32 hours lost learning each year – that's an entire school week!**

Our school target for overall attendance is **97%** as we know that pupils with this level of attendance (and above) stand the best chance of reaching their personal and academic potential.

Although we completely understand that there are circumstances where children are simply not well enough to attend school, we have noticed that a lot of our absence is due to minor illnesses such as coughs, colds, headaches etc. We would always encourage parents to bring children into school on these occasions as we know that children can usually cope really well once they are in school and actively engaged within their learning. Teachers will obviously monitor pupils and will be able to make decisions on whether they should be in school.

As part of our attendance policy we have a monitoring process which will involve us communicating with you when we notice a decline in attendance at certain points. This communication will either be a text message, a letter, or an invitation to a meeting with a member of SLT. This process is aimed at keeping you informed about your child's attendance and to offer any necessary support.

We know that, by working together, we can ensure good levels of attendance for your child, giving them the best opportunity to succeed.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mr Parkinson

Head of Academy