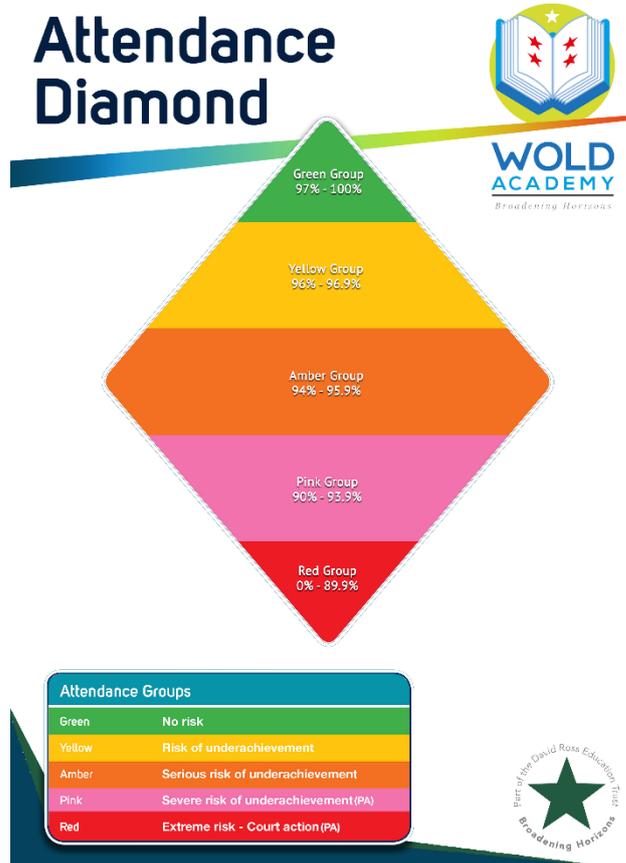


Attendance & Progress

Pupil Attendance Target 97+%



“At Wold Academy we continually seek to improve attendance for all pupils.”

Miss Williams – Attendance Lead

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYoI_afRzss

We would like to thank our parents for their commitment to their child’s attendance. The vast majority of parents ensure that their child attends regularly and on time, meeting our academy expectation of **at least 97% attendance over the year**. Fortunately we have very few parents who do not support their child in this.

Good attendance is important because:

- Statistics show a direct link between under achievement and poor attendance
- Regular attendees find school routines and school work easier to cope with
- Regular attendees find learning more satisfying
- Regular attendees are prepared to move into next learning phases and transition to secondary school

Children who do not get to school on time or miss some days of school altogether find it more difficult to make friends and to catch up on their learning.

We know that sometimes your child may be unable to attend because they are unwell. In this case please contact the school office on 353 259 and leave a message telling us the reason, preferably before 8.30am each day.

Some parents think that their child may be better off at home if they are ill, but generally we are happy to have them in school and will keep a close eye on them to make sure that they are okay, if you ask us to.

We use NHS guidance to advise us, and you can access this yourself by clicking here ([hyperlink to https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/))

It is very important that all children arrive punctually every day.

Our Academy doors will be open from 8.40 am. After 9.00am you and your child should enter through the main reception and sign in, stating the reason for lateness. Arrival after the close of registration may be marked as unauthorised absence in line with the DfE guidance. **The attendance team will contact you if we have concerns about your child's punctuality.**

If we do not hear from you first thing in the morning and your child is not in school, then we will try and make contact with you as quickly as possible to ensure that your child is safe. This could be by text, telephone or home visit. Please rest assured that we always pursue this until we are satisfied, your child's welfare is important to us.

Other Reasons for Absence

The vast majority of our parents recognise that their children are most happy and successful in school when they attend regularly. For that reason they do not ask for holidays during term time, because they know how damaging this can be for their child's education. In the unlikely event that you want to ask for your child's absence to be authorised due to an exceptional circumstance, then please ask to speak with the principal who will consider any requests for term time leave under exceptional circumstances on an individual basis, (further evidence may be required to support the request before a decision is made).

If there is any other reason why you or your child is finding it difficult to attend school regularly and on time, then please do contact our parent liaison officer, Mrs Solarczyk who can help. Mrs Solarczyk has already helped many other parents and children in this way. Seeking early help, no matter the issue, can help you to avoid any fines for non-attendance which can be very costly and embarrassing.

Rewarding Great Attendance

On a daily and weekly basis we celebrate attendance in our academy. Classes with the highest rate of daily and weekly attendance are awarded a prize, as are the pupils who are focussing on improving their attendance to positively impact their learning and achieving their true academic potential.

The children absolutely beam with pride when awarded the attendance bear or the attendance trophy, and they are thrilled when they have the opportunity to roll the attendance die and win a bonus treat chosen by themselves in a pupil vote led by the school council. Bonus treats include extra play time, time for chrome book/I-pad use, craft sessions, and puzzle time.

All young people have the right to an exceptional education. Parents/guardians have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends regularly and punctually. If a child does not attend regularly or punctually, parents/carers may be breaking the law.

We truly value your support in helping us to maintain high standards of attendance and punctuality as this provides your child with a much greater opportunity of meeting their true potential in life and becoming the best person that they can be.