



Attendance Charter

Faith communities and schools are working together in Pendle to ensure that all students benefit from excellent attendance at school everyday and, if they attend them, at places of worship in the evening and at weekends.

Your local faith leaders are working together with your child's school to ensure that every child is in school every day, as well as accessing all wider educational opportunities offered by faith organisations.

Together we recognise the impact that good attendance and punctuality have on achievement and attainment in the classroom.

Consistency and punctuality are key factors in ensuring our children gain the most from education.



ATTENDANCE

Extended absences

0 missed lessons	0 days off a year	100%	Perfect!
20 missed lessons	4 days off a year	98%	Very good
40 missed lessons	8 days off a year	96%	Good
50 missed lessons	10 days off a year	95%	Improvement needed
55 missed lessons	11 days off a year	94%	Concerned
95 missed lessons	19 days off a year	90%	Very concerned
145 missed lessons	29 days off a year	85%	Significant impact on learning

There is no entitlement in law for term-time extended absences, whether these are to visit relatives, attend weddings or funerals, or just for a holiday.

Across 6 Pendle primary schools last year, 5,891 days of learning were lost to extended absence. This is more than 31 years of lost learning time.

Your child misses out on valuable learning when they are absent, which may never be made up.

Children with **good** attendance are more than twice as likely to get 5 good GCSEs than those with **poor** attendance.

Taking your child out of education teaches disrespect for the importance of learning.

Children often have social difficulties when they return after an extended absence. Friendships may have moved on and their self-confidence and well-being can be affected.

The impact on your child...

Please support your child's future by ensuring they are not taken out of school during term time.