



## 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

## *Persistent Absence*

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|--------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------------------|
| 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 are 190 school days in the year. This means there are 175 non-school days for children and families to:

- Visit relatives
- Go shopping
- Attend appointments

A child who has less than 90% attendance at school is classed as a **persistent absentee**. This means their attendance is unacceptable and will be affecting their lifelong learning chances.



**Punctuality matters** – learning starts straight away every day, and children who miss the first minutes of school are often missing out on some of the most important minutes of the day. Being just 10 minutes late each day leads to a loss of 30 hours learning in a school year.

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

**The impact on your child...**

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.

**Please support your child's future by ensuring they attend places of education on time every day.**